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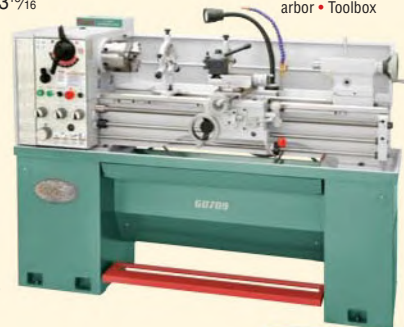
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- Swing over bed: 14"
- Swing over gap: 19 1/4"
- Swing over cross slide: 8 13/16"
- Dist. between centers: 40"
- Spindle nose: D1-5 camlock
- Spindle nose taper: MT#5
- Spindle bore: 1 9/16"
- Tailstock barrel taper: MT#3
- Tailstock barrel travel: 3 15/16"
- Cross slide travel: 6 1/16"
- Compound travel: 3 3/16"
- Number of speeds: 8
- Speed range: 70–2000 RPM
- Bed width: 7 3/8"
- Approximate shipping weight: 1550 lbs.

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- Spindle taper: MT#5
- Spindle bore: 1.57"
- Tailstock taper: MT#3
- Spindle length: 16 5/16"
- Spindle length with 4-jaw chuck: 20 1/2"
- Cross slide travel: 5 5/8"
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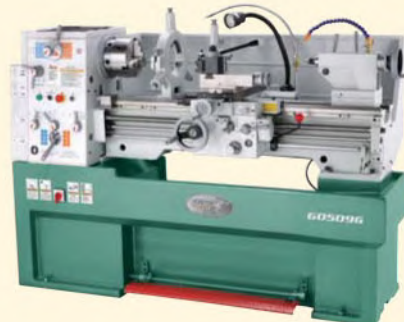
- Motor: 4 HP, 220V, 3-phase, 2-speed
- Swing over bed: 16"
- Swing over gap: 22"
- Swing over cross slide: 10"
- Dist. between centers: 40"
- Spindle nose: D1-6 camlock
- Spindle nose taper: MT#6
- Spindle bore: 2"
- Tailstock barrel taper: MT#4
- Tailstock barrel travel: 4 3/4"
- Cross slide travel: 8 1/2"
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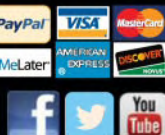
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The State of the AR World

As you can see, this issue's focus is on all things AR. If you think the demand for AR coverage is so yesterday, think again. Although the panic buying and hysteria from a few years ago has mostly died down, manufacturers keep upping their game, turning out rifles with better features, new calibers and accessories that many of us would never have dreamed of 10 years ago.

Managing editor Eric Conn has done a masterful job in presenting content to bring you up to date on the state of the AR world today. Along with coverage of new rifles from Smith & Wesson, LWRCI, Rock River, YHM and Black Rain, to name just a few, he and our writers will let you in on the rest of the story. Actually, a lot of stories. AR pistols have turned into a market all their own. You have more ammo choices than your bank account could ever support. And what's all the excitement about the .300 Blackout? It's all here, so dig in and enjoy.

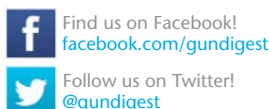
This coverage is part of the promise of the *Gun Digest* brand: *We know guns so you know guns*. When it comes to ARs, we've been doing this a long time. Barbara Mandrell said she was "country when country wasn't cool" in her No. 1 single from 1981. Well, *Gun Digest* has been covering ARs long before Internet bloggers made them cool.

Back when this magazine was still known as *Gun List*, Patrick Sweeney was starting the first book in his four-volume set, "Gun Digest Book of the AR-15." Then

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Going Long

Thank you for publishing L.P. Brezny's article "Long-Distance Ranging Essentials" in the May 2015 issue of *Gun Digest*. He and *Gun Digest* are to be commended for taking a responsible approach to long-range hunting and the ethics that should go along with it, no matter who "it will not fly with."

I have been an avid hunter most of my life and a competitive pistol shooter for over 20 years. In the past 8 years I have primarily focused on long-range rifle shooting and have sent thousands of rounds downrange at distances over 400 yards, out to as far as one mile. A rifle shooter needs to practice his craft under various range and weather conditions, as well as put a lot of rounds on paper, to understand what it takes to make the incredible shots that are possible with the amazing rifles, scopes, other equipment and accessories available to us today. But as Mr. Brezny pointed out, these shots need to be reserved for the range and varmints.

Elk, deer, antelope—and all big game species for that matter—are a precious resource to be treated with respect and ethics in the hunting fields for their natural beauty and to preserve them for future generations of hunters.

Mr. Brezny's thoughts are spot on, in my humble opinion, as a long-range rifle shooter and they definitely "fly with me." I plan to share his thoughts with others as I do now when discussing long-range rifle capabilities.

—Lloyd Harper

First of all, thank you, Mr. Harper, for taking the time to respond. Long-range shooting and hunting has been a popular area of interest for a while now, and as you said, it also comes with ethical questions the hunter in particular has to face. While rifles and ammunition are certainly capable out to greater distances than ever, it's imperative that each hunter know his "maximum effective range" and take shots at game within his capabilities. —Eds.

Near or Far

Sorry guys! If 250 yards is "up close and personal," you've been hunting mulies too long. Mr. Editor, please bring Mr. Van Zwoll to the Pennsylvania woods for rifle season. Maybe a change of venue will reacquaint his senses to the real hunt for venison.

—Rich Carpenter

Thanks for writing in, Mr. Carpenter. What classifies as a long- or close-range shot really comes down to a matter of perspective. Since Mr. van Zwoll has hunted the world over and written for more than a dozen of the finest gun and hunting magazines in the world, I think it's safe to say he's well aware of the difference between Eastern white-tail and Western big game hunting. In all fairness, the article was an excerpt from Mr. van Zwoll's book, "Mastering the Art of Long-Range Shooting," which was obviously written from a long-range perspective. To throw in an alternative perspective, Elmer Keith once wrote in the 1951 *Gun Digest* annual about making a 100-yard shot on an elk. When you're shooting a .45-70 with iron sights, 100 yards is, relatively speaking, "long range." Again, it all depends on your perspective.—Eds.

ARs and Accuracy

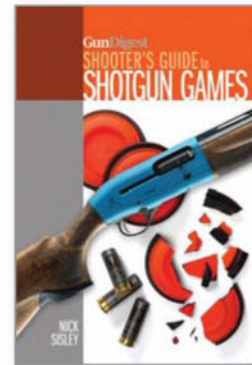
I would hunt with an AR-15, maybe, but the accuracy doesn't compare with that of a bolt-gun.

—George Wayne, Hay Springs, Neb.

Thanks for writing in, George. While your sentiment has been shared and expressed by many over the years, the facts simply don't back up your claim. Not only are AR-type rifles used in situations that call for extreme accuracy, like on the battlefield or in competition, the data indicates that these rifles are as accurate as ever. While a few rifles here or there may prove to be relatively inaccurate, this can go for bolt guns just as much as AR platforms. On the whole, however, AR-type rifles in production today are accurate and reliable, which is why so many in law enforcement, military, and yes, hunting, turn to them. —Eds.

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The HHS II is a superb optic solution for the AR platform, both for tactical and hunting situations. It's ideal for predator hunters because it allows you to engage targets near or far with a simple flip of the magnifier, all without taking your eyes off the animal. EOTech has also proved the versatility of the HHS II by featuring it on black

bear and elk hunts, with animals taken out to several hundred yards.

The EXPS2 features 20 brightness settings, runs on one 123 lithium battery and gives you about 600 continuous hours at setting 12. Overall length is about 7½ inches, while the HHS II weighs 21.7 ounces and is submersible under water to 10 feet. The G33 magnifier offers 2.2 inches of eye relief and both units mount on a Picatinny rail. The illuminated reticle, a 68-minute ring with vertical and horizontal stadia, has two 1 MOA dots. Although it is best suited for the AR platform, the EXPS2 can also be mounted on medium caliber machine guns and grenade launchers...in case you were wondering. **GDM**

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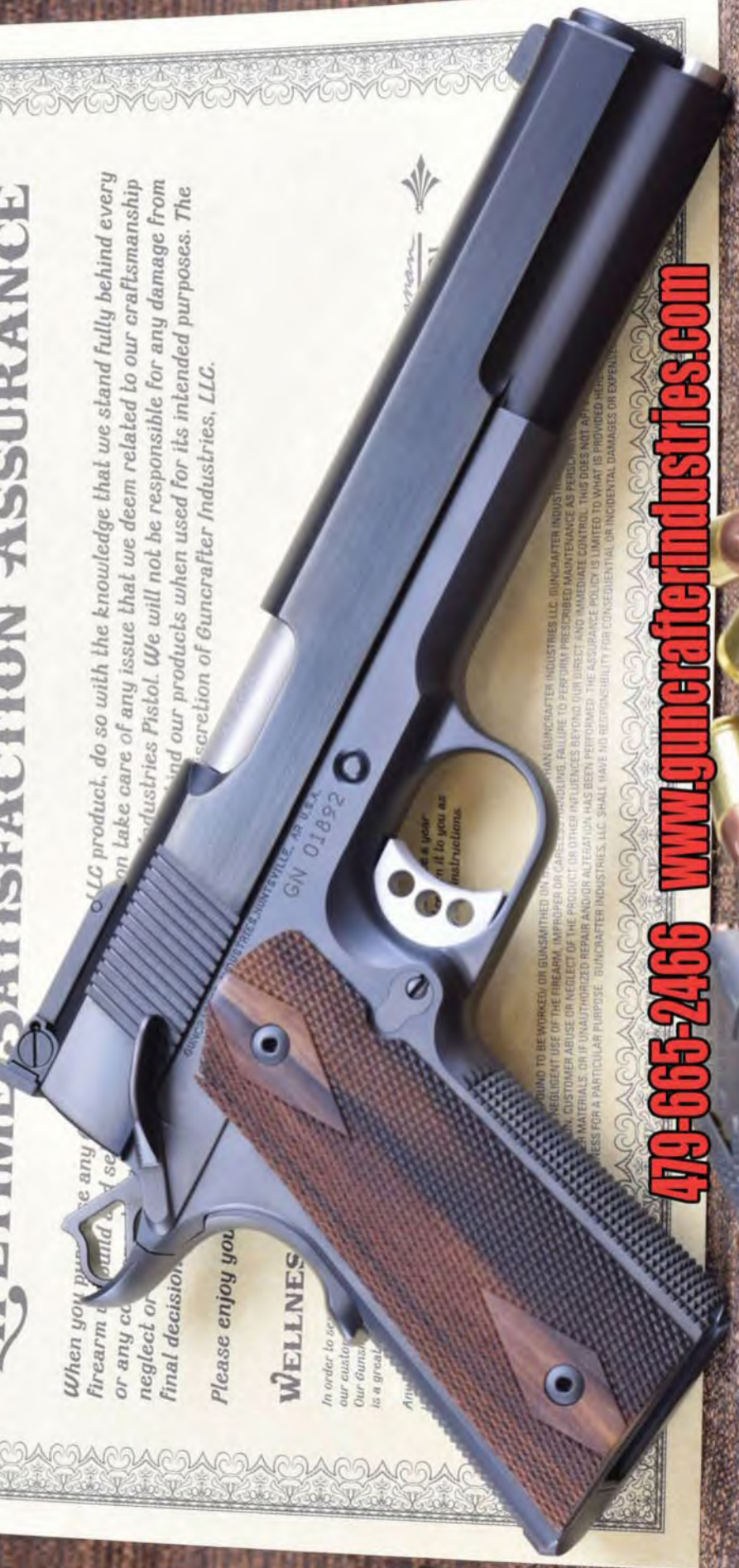
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
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
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
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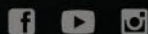
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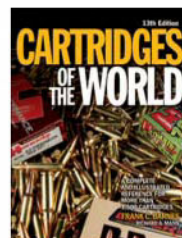
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6.8mm Special Purpose Cartridge (6.8 SPC) Loading Data and Factory Ballistics

| Bullet (grains/type) | Powder | Grains | Velocity | Energy | Source/Comments |
|----------------------|-----------|--------|----------|--------|-----------------|
| 110 V-Max | FL | | 2,550 | 1,588 | Hornady |
| 115 MC | FL | | 2,800 | 2,002 | Remington |
| 90 Spr HP | H4198 | 28.6C | 3,012 | 1,812 | Hodgdon |
| 110 V-Max | Benchmark | 27.0 | 2,518 | 1,548 | Hodgdon |
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Black Rain's newest introduction is an AR chambered in .300 Blackout (BLK) and based on the BRO-PG2, an earlier model available in 5.56 NATO with a digital tan anodized finish. The new .300 BLK shares the same look as its predecessor but utilizes a pistol-length gas system to improve reliability with the alternate chambering. While it's yet to receive an official name, the new .300 is every bit as sexy and tough as you'd expect from the folks at Black Rain, and it fulfills the company's commitment to producing guns that'll last multiple lifetimes.

Based out of Neosho, Missouri, Black Rain was co-founded in 2009 by CEO Justin Harvel, a 10-year veteran firefighter who grew up in the gun store business and returned to it after his days as a fireman and EMT. His grandfather and uncles were all gun dealers and still carry on the tradition today. Harvel grew up in his dad's gun shop, learned the industry, saw how business was

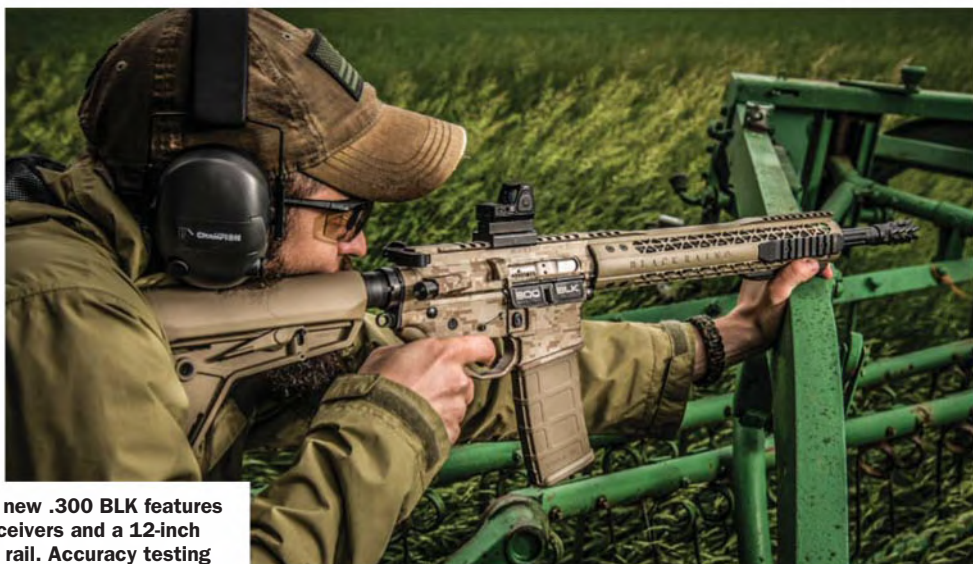
BLACK RAIN ORDNANCE .300 BLK

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| TYPE | Direct impingement, semi-automatic |
| CALIBER | .300 AAC Blackout |
| BARREL | 16 in., 1:7-in. twist, 416R stainless steel |
| WEIGHT | 7.4 pounds |
| HANDGUARD | 12-inch modular rail |
| STOCK | Magpul MOE SL |
| GRIP | Magpul MOE SL |
| TRIGGER | 3.5-pound BRO-DIT |
| MAGAZINE | PMAG (30-round) |
| MUZZLE DEVICE | BRO-MFS (milled flash suppressor) |
| MSRP | \$2,439 |

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B.R.O.'s new .300 BLK features billet receivers and a 12-inch modular rail. Accuracy testing with Steiner's M5Xi 3-15x50mm Military optic (left). The Trijicon RMR (right) is an ideal close-range optic. *Eric Conn & Jeff Jones*



conducted and eventually started two of his own gun stores.

It was during those years as a shop owner that Harvel developed a vision for crafting AR-type rifles that would strike a balance between form and function, giving his clientele a custom gun at a reasonable price. He envisioned a rifle that was built like a tank but looked and performed like a Lamborghini.

"Quality was our mission from day one," Harvel said. "We knew we'd never be about producing the kind of quantity as some manufacturers, but that was never our goal. Let other people do that. Our niche is to build

the best rifle in your arsenal, the one you'll be proud to pass on to your kids. They're dependable, sexy, incredibly accurate—the total package."

When it comes to the AR-type rifles and parts it makes, Black Rain's philosophy is simple: Only produce what you would personally own or operate. The new .300 BLK is no exception to that rule.

Make it Rain

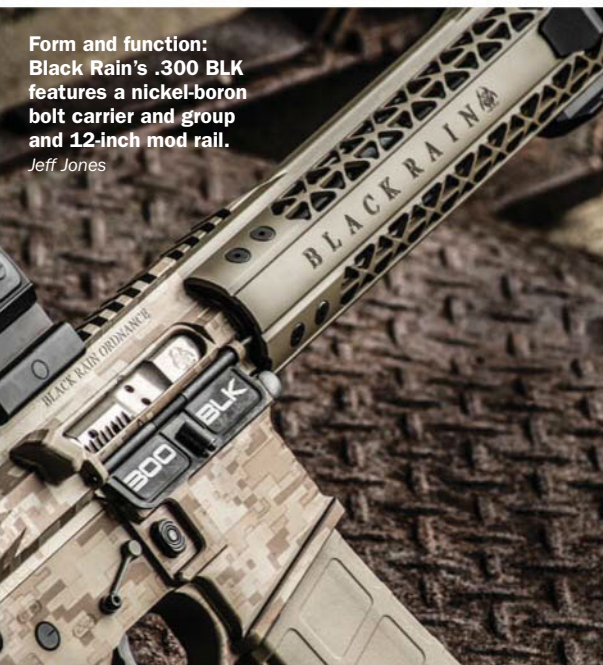
While it features several unique design elements, the new .300 BLK is still built around the same core elements inherent in Black Rain's DNA—an exclusive, single-stage trigger, nickel bo-

ron bolt carrier and billet aluminum receivers. The BRO-DIT (drop in trigger) is manufactured in house and allows the company to offer a high-end trigger at reduced cost in all production AR-type rifles. The trigger can also be purchased separately for \$199 and is comparable to what you'd find in aftermarket triggers that can run anywhere from \$250-300. Not only is the 3.5-pound trigger remarkably crisp, it has a positive, audible reset for fast and accurate follow up shots.

"Once we got our trigger into production, we decided it should go in every gun," Black Rain general manager Jared Moser said. "We feel like

Form and function:
Black Rain's .300 BLK
features a nickel-boron
bolt carrier and group
and 12-inch mod rail.

Jeff Jones



**Black Rain's .300 BLK comes
with an MFS flash hider and is
suppressor ready.** Jeff Jones

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it's worth it to the customer. The obvious thing is we built it with a clean break, which is really about the surface condition of the materials we use, but even more important we felt was the reset, audible but not super long. It's really more about a release of pressure rather than a ton of movement."

The second foundational component on the .300 BLK is the nickel boron BCG (bolt and carrier group). The BCG is made in house from Carpenter 158 steel and nickel boron coated for longer life, ease of cleaning and added durability under heavy stress. The carrier group is rated for full-auto and can be buffed back to a shiny finish even after it gets darkened by gases and oils. It's a bit overbuilt, as Moser pointed out, but it adds strength to the part and, perhaps equally as important, it just looks cool.

Finally, the .300 BLK features Black

Rain's milled billet aluminum receivers with a digital tan anodized finish (a black finish will also be available). Generally speaking, billet aluminum is CNC machined from bar stock, while forged aluminum receivers are hammered into forging dies, subjected to repeated force and then finished by CNC machining. Forged receivers are considered to be the strongest, while billet allows manufacturers like Black Rain to craft artistic lines into the receivers for the ultimate in aesthetic appeal. The lines on the .300 upper and lower are incredibly smooth and reveal the passion for craftsmanship envisioned by the company's founders.

Seven Pounds of Sleek

The rifle weighs just over 7 pounds and features a 16-inch, 416R stainless steel barrel for added heat and corrosion resistance. It comes with a 1:7-

inch twist, eight-flute design and a pistol length gas system. The .300 BLK comes standard with a Syrac Ordnance adjustable gas block, which can be accessed by taking off the handguard. Also included is a sharp-toothed BRO-MFS flash suppressor that would do a fair bit of damage in lieu of a bayonet.

Different handguard options are available, but the model reviewed for the magazine included the 12-inch Modular Rail FDE, which features top-mounted Picatinny rail sections at the front and rear with a sloped, smooth section in the middle. Removable rail sections are also located at the 3, 6 and 9 o'clock positions on the front of the handguard for whatever combination of lights and sights you might prefer. A crisply etched "Black Rain" with company logo ride along both sides of the rail and add to the sex appeal. An equally sleek and silver "300 BLK" is displayed on the dust cover when open.

Multiple Magpul furniture options are available, but the .300 reviewed had a MOE SL (Slim Line) carbine buttstock and pistol grip, both in tan. The buttstock features dual side release latches and angled rubber butt pad to help with shoulder transitions with

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Next-Gen AR Pistols

AR pistols have come a long way since their inception. Here are 10 great next-generation offerings.

ROBERT SADOWSKI



AR-15 pistols have been around for a long time. Bushmaster and Olympic Arms were just two manufacturers building AR pistols in the late 80s and early 90s. With the advent of the 1994 Crime Bill, a ban was placed on so-called assault weapons, which included AR pistols. In 2004, the ban expired and long-dormant AR pistol designs re-emerged.

Manufacturers also resolved past issues with reliability, which came down mostly to the combination of buffer and gas tubes. The AR-15 platform has come a long way in the last few decades, and the advancements in rifle technology have been incorporated into pistols.

The surge in popularity of AR pistols is fueled by three factors: the reliability of these next-generation pistols; the AR pistol offers compact maneuverability in the ubiquitous AR-15 platform; there are more caliber choices like 9mm for those who like the idea of an AR pistol that shares the same ammo as a duty

or concealed carry pistol, or .300 BLK and .308 Win.

The AR pistol offers everything you'd expect in an AR rifle, yet in a smaller package. The pistols also use the same ammo and magazines as a carbine and rifle. On the downside, the abbreviated barrels of a pistol—typically 7.5 to 12 inches in length—means decreased velocity and slightly more felt recoil than AR-15 rifles.

Physically there is no difference between an AR-15 rifle lower and a pistol lower. What is different is how the AR-15 lower receiver is registered. You cannot make an AR-15 pistol from an AR-15 receiver that has been registered as a rifle. An AR-15 receiver that has been registered as a rifle and then converted into an AR-15 pistol is considered a SBR (Short Barreled Rifle), which requires the owners to have a \$200 tax stamp from the ATF. Once registered as a rifle, that receiver is always considered a rifle. AR-15 pistols are registered as pistols, however, and remain classified as such. Here are 10 next-gen AR pistols.

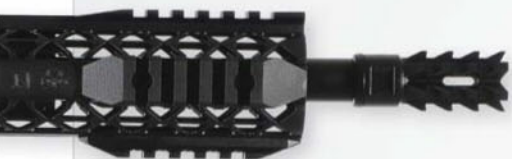


SIG Sauer

P516 Pistol

SIG uses its proven short-stroke piston system with a four-position gas valve in the P516 pistol, chambered in 5.56 NATO and combined with the SB15 pistol stabilizing brace for effective and accurate shooting with optics or with the equipped folding iron sights. The 10-inch barrel is free floated in an aluminum quad-rail handguard, offering military type construction with rugged dependability. The brace wraps around the user's forearm to secure the pistol and offers enhanced control.

(\$1,745; Sigsauer.com)



Black Rain Ordnance

.300 BLK LTD

Released in May 2015, the .300 Blackout AR pistol from Black Rain Ordnance is constructed with billet aluminum upper and lower receivers and features a black anodized finish. The AR pistol comes standard with a 10.5-inch barrel and has options for either an 8.5- or 16-inch barrel. The barrel has a 1:8-inch twist and an MFS flask hider. The LTD also comes with a SIG SB15 stabilizing brace, low-profile and adjustable gas block, a 30-round PMAG and weighs 5 pounds, 4 ounces. Overall length is 27.25 inches. (\$1,989 with brace, \$1,889 without; Blackrainordnance.com)

Bushmaster

XM15 7-inch

A simple tool for whatever job is required, the 7-inch barrel Patrolman's AR pistol in 5.56 NATO is just 23-inches long, making it highly maneuverable even in the most confined environments. At the business end, the short barrel is capped off with an A2-style flash hider, while the user end has a foam sleeve on the aluminum buffer tube for shooting comfort. The free float handguard is an aluminum tube with a knurled texture. A Phase 5 ambidextrous single point sling attachment makes toting and firing this pistol an ease. (\$972; Bushmaster.com)





Rock River Arms

LAR-9 7-inch 9mm

This AR-15 pistol chambered in 9mm uses a simple blowback operation—no gas, no gas tube. Both the lower and upper receivers are specifically built for the 9mm. The upper features a 7-inch chrome moly barrel with a 1:10-inch twist rate, while the lower only accepts straight stick magazines. The free float RRA handguard includes three Picatinny accessory rails and the top rail offers plenty of space for red dot or reflex sight mounting options. The finger groove Hogue rubber grip offers optimum texture for a sure grip. (\$1,320; Rockriverarms.com)

Windham Weaponry

Model RP11SFS-7

Windham Weaponry makes no nonsense, dependable AR-type rifles. The Model RP11SFS-7 uses a traditional gas impingement system and a heavy profile, 11.5-inch, 4150 chrome moly vanadium barrel. A Midwest Industries 10-inch KeyMod handguard free floats the barrel for optimum accuracy. An A2-style pistol grip and flash hider round out the standard features; a foam sleeve covers the receiver tube. A full top Picatinny rail makes this firearm, chambered in 5.56 NATO, optic ready. (\$1,264; Windhamweaponry.com)



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CMMG

Mk3 K, 308 Win.

Big power from a big caliber is the calling card of the CMMG MK3 K pistol.

Chambered in .308 Win., the MK3 K features a 12.5-inch barrel with a 1:10-inch twist rate and is made from 4140 chrome moly steel. The muzzle is capped off with an A2 compensator to control this fire breather. A CMMG RKM11 handguard free floats the barrel. Features include a Magpul MOE pistol grip, single stage trigger and PMAG 20. There is plenty of top rail length to mount a red dot. (\$1,549; Cmmginc.com)



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Olympic OA93

The OA93 was the first AR-15 pistol. It uses the OA recoil operating system in lieu of the traditional gas impingement system, which is built into the upper receiver. This operating system eliminates the need for the buffer tube and dramatically decreases the overall length of the pistol to just 17 inches. The 6.5-inch barrel is free floated in an aluminum tube. The flat top receiver is optic ready. (\$1,267; Olyarms.com)



Daniel Defense DDM4 300

Daniel Defense designed the DDM4 300 for close quarter work with a 10.3-inch cold hammer forged, S2W barrel chambered in .300 BLK. Features include a pinned low-profile gas block under a DDM4 9-inch rail with plenty of optic-ready space for a red dot. The forged upper and lower receivers are made with 7075-T6 aluminum and are Type III hard coat anodized. The pistol grip is Daniel Defense's proprietary glass filled polymer with overmolding. The DDM4 300 ships with one PMAG 30. (\$1,700; Danieldefense.com)



Primary Arms 7.5-inch M4

Primary Arms outfits its 7.5-inch M4 AR pistol with a SIG arm brace, which is manageable in the 5.56 NATO chambering. The free floated barrel is made of 4150 chrome moly vanadium steel and treated with a melting hard coating for durability and features M4 feed ramps for more reliability. This pistol uses the traditional direct gas impingement system with Mil-Spec receivers and bolts. The 7.5-inch M4 AR pistol comes optic ready. (\$599; Primaryarms.com) **GDTM**

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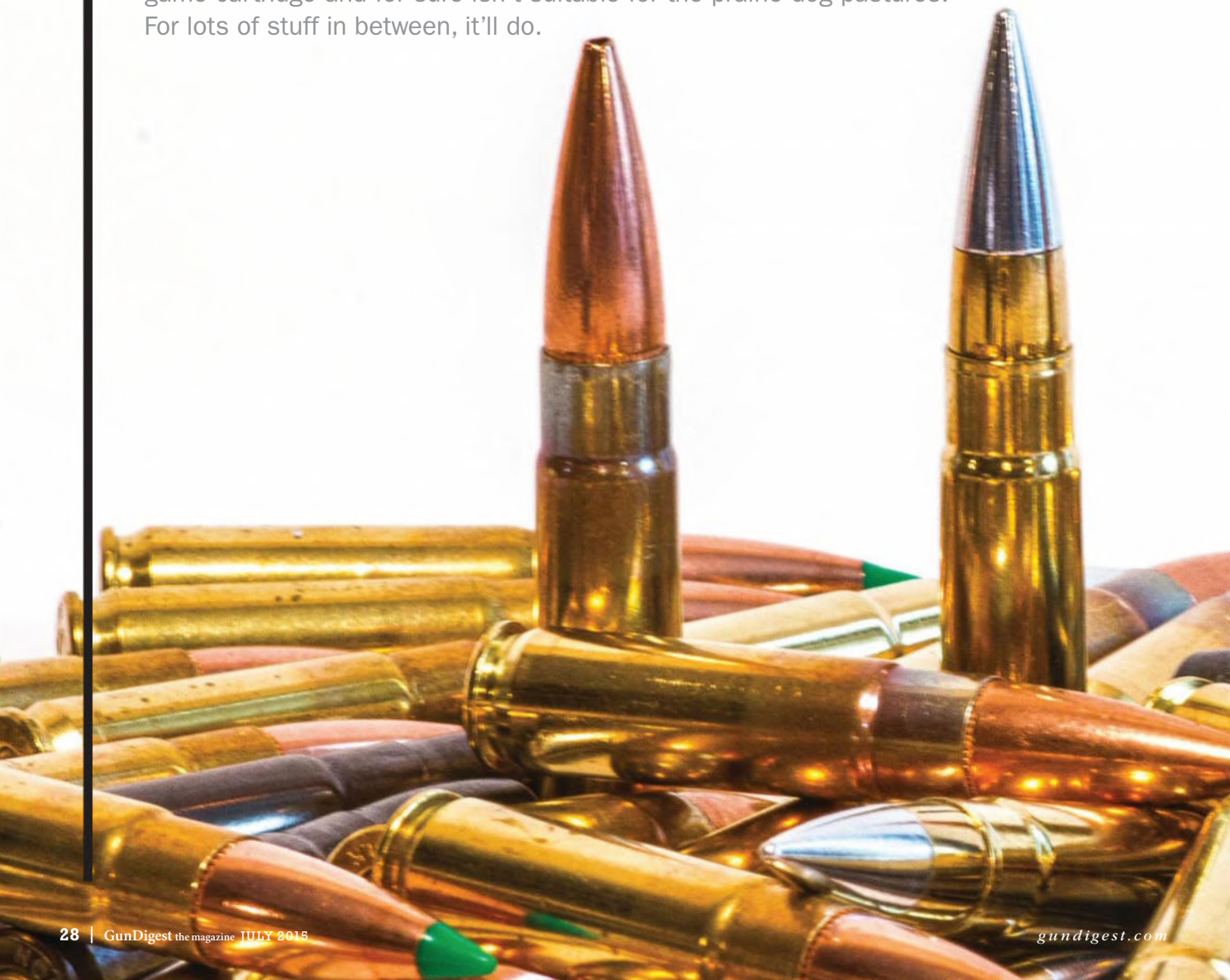
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The .300 Blackout is one versatile cartridge. The author takes a look at four purpose-built loads.

RICHARD MANN

.300 AAC Blackout

There is no one-cartridge solution to all of man's potential shooting needs, but if you narrow your band of requirements a bit there are several that come close. This is one of the reasons for the immense popularity of the .300 AAC Blackout. It doesn't do everything, but it can do a lot of things well. It's not a dangerous game cartridge and for sure isn't suitable for the prairie dog pastures. For lots of stuff in between, it'll do.



The Blackout started life as a conceptual cartridge designed by wildcatter extraordinaire, J.D. Jones. By necking the .221 Remington Fireball cartridge up to .30 caliber, the idea was to push heavy bullets with extremely high ballistic coefficients at subsonic velocities. Because the powder charges were very small due to the small case, gas production was minimal and so was required suppressor size. Jones called his cartridge the .300 Whisper and it quickly gained a cult like following. Then along came Advanced Arma-ment Corporation (AAC).

AAC took Jones' creation and standardized the case dimensions, submitted them to the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturer's Institute

(SAAMI) and gave the cartridge a new name. Thus, the .300 AAC Blackout was born. With this legitimization manufactures could build .300 Blackout guns and ammunition to a common standard.

Admittedly, the name is cool—it was just what younger gun enthusiasts needed to spark their interest and, as a result, the Blackout took the world by storm. It has become the most popular new cartridge introduction of the new millennium, and its compatibility with the AR-15 platform only adds to its appeal. But where does the Blackout fit in a shooter's toolbox? In other words, what exactly can you expect to do with the .300 BLK?

About a year ago I conducted an extensive test of commercial .300 BLK

ammunition. For the most part I was underwhelmed by what I found. None of the loads rated as "tack drivers" in the three test rifles. With the exception of one, none of the bullets used in the subsonic loads would expand on impact. And for acceptable AR-15 reliability, when switching between subsonic and supersonic ammunition, an adjustable gas block was needed.

Part of the subsonic bullet expansion problem was due to the use of improper bullets. In a rush to meet demand, manufacturers just threw heavy-for-caliber match bullets in Blackout cases. Yes, when you shot these loads they would not break the sound barrier, but when they hit something they did not expand either. When dealing with low-velocity bullets, expansion is a key to lethality.

Today, much of that problem has been remedied as manufactures are finally developing top-shelf loads for the cartridge. Here's a look at four new .300 BLK loads that should do about anything a Blackout is suitable for.

Practice and Plinking

For 2015, Barnes Bullets is offering a new line of ammunition called Range AR. Range AR isn't the cheapest ammunition you'll buy for the AR, but is still fairly affordable and accurate. It's the only supersonic ammunition that utilizes lead-free, cop-





Manufacturers are finally devoting the proper attention to the .300 Blackout cartridge. These four new loads should handle about anything you would be doing with it. *Author photo*

per-jacketed, zinc-core bullets. The plus side to the zinc core is that the bullet is easier on steel and works very well with the fast twist needed in the Blackout to stabilize subsonic loads. From a 16-inch barreled AR-15 you can expect the 90-grain open-tipped, flat-base (OTFB) bullet to crack 2,550 fps and only drop 20 inches at 300 yards when sighted in at 100. (\$20 for 20 rounds; [Barnesbullets.com](#))

Close Quarters Personal Protection

When I was working with the Blackout during my ammunition test, I was disappointed to find that there really wasn't a shallow penetrating and violently expanding personal defense load. I built my own by loading the Speer 110-grain Sierra HP bullet over 20 grains of Hodgdon Lil' Gun powder. That bullet was devastating to a gel block and only penetrated about 14 inches.

But with a cartridge this popular, you should not have to handload to get this type of performance. Le-

high Defense is one of the most innovative ammunition manufacturers when it comes to specialty loads and it has created an interesting defense load for the Blackout. It utilizes a new, pre-fractured brass bullet with an aluminum tip. It only weighs 78 grains and screams out of the barrel at an astounding 2,800 fps. It is nothing but wicked inside a gel block and penetrates less than 16 inches. (\$36 for 20 rounds; [Lehighdefense.com](#))

General Use

The problem with using common .30-caliber bullets designed for cartridge like the .308 Win. in the .300 BLK is that the bullets will not expand at the reduced supersonic velocities. There are a few exceptions. Nosler's Ballistic Tip bullet shows expansion when impacting as slow as 1,600 fps. Nosler is offering the 125-grain Ballistic Tip bullet loaded for the Blackout in their Match Grade line of ammunition and it will expand at distances out to about 250 yards. Its also one of the most accurate .300 BLK loads I've

tested—you should expect sub MOA performance for three shot groups. (\$30 for 20 rounds; [Nosler.com](#))

Subsonic Hunting

The real ground breaking load for the .300 BLK also comes from Nosler. Working with Noveske—a highly respected AR builder—Nosler has created a new 220-grain round nose bullet. It will expand to double diameter and penetrate to about 20 inches. This is very similar terminal performance to common .30-30 Winchester supersonic loads. And, it's accurate too.

But that's not all. Like Nosler Ballistic Tips, this new bullet for the .300 BLK has a polymer tip, but the tip is round instead of pointed. And, if you shine some light on this tip, it glows in the dark. Aside from being radically cool, this makes the ammo easy to see in the dark. Since lots of folks are using the .300 BLK to hunt feral hogs at night, it just adds to the appeal. Packaged in a Noveske box and labeled as the 220-grain Ballistic Glow Tip RN. (\$41 for 20 rounds; [Nosler.com](#)) **GDTM**

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GOLD STANDARD

Yankee Hill Machine goes for gold with its new burnt bronze Model 57 Specter.

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While it has been manufacturing dependable AR-type rifles and parts for the last couple of decades—often for other big name manufacturers and military contracts—Yankee Hill Machine (YHM) introduced the burnt bronze Model 57 Specter in 2015, showing that it's ready to go for gold.



YHM's billet upper and lower are machined to artistic perfection in the U.S. from 7075-T6 aluminum. The 6.8 version of the Specter comes with two 25-round metal magazines. Jeff Jones

YHM has developed a reputation for making some of the best AR parts in the industry, and in the mid-90s decided it would produce complete rifle builds distinct to its name and unique style of machine work. In addition to AR-type rifles, YHM manufactures handguards, rail and optic mounts, muzzle devices and suppressors. The Model 57 Specter is a sort of crowning achievement in the company's line of ARs, with a fitting burnt bronze Cerakote finish to give it that golden look of AR royalty.

The Model 57 was originally introduced in a black finish at the 2014 SHOT Show in Las Vegas, with additions like a new KeyMod-integrated, SLR Slant handguard and YHM tactical charging handle latch added in 2015. The Model 57 is available in several chamberings, including 5.56 NATO, .300 Blackout and 6.8 SPC II. This review featured the 6.8 SPC, which comes with a 16-inch barrel and 1:10-inch twist. The most eye-catching addition is obviously the industry-standard burnt bronze finish, while the foundation of the rifle is the artfully machined receiver set.

Built for Gold

The Model 57 Specter features billet 7075-T6 aluminum receivers that are machined at the company's Florence, Massachusetts, facility and have matching grooves on the receivers and handguard. Those stylistic grooves run along the sides of the 9.5-inch SLR Slant handguard, on the front of the magazine



At 7.6 pounds, the Model 57 balances well but is light enough to make it maneuverable. Jeff Jones



The YHM Model 57 features a crisp two-stage, 5-pound drop in trigger. Jeff Jones

YHM MODEL 57 SPECTER

| | |
|------------------|---|
| TYPE | Direct gas impingement, carbine-length gas system |
| CALIBER | 6.8 SPC |
| BARREL | 16-in., 1:10-in. twist |
| WEIGHT | 7.6 lbs. |
| HANDGUARD | SLR-Slant, 9.5-inch |
| STOCK | Magpul CTR |
| GRIP | Magpul MOE |
| TRIGGER | Two-Stage, drop-in, 5-lb. |
| MAGAZINE | 25-rnd., metal |
| MSRP | \$2,635 |

well and on the sides of the upper receiver.

While billet aluminum receivers are considered to possess slightly less strength than their forged counterparts, they are still tremendously tough. One of the biggest advantages with a billet receiver, however, is the customization that can be applied through machining into the design. And that's exactly where the YHM Model 57 Specter shines—the lines and grooves crafted into the burnt bronze rifle are head turning, to say the least. Fresh out of the box at the local gun shop, a group of onlookers swarmed around the rifle with oohs and aahs. It was much the same at the range, as other shooters congregated to inquire about the gold-looking AR.

The upper and handguard feature a continuous top rail for plenteous optic mounting options, while Picatinny rail mounts are positioned at the 3, 6 and 9 o'clock positions at the front of the handguard. The handguard also comes pre-equipped with YHM Q.D.S. flip up sights and has a slanted front section to match a Slant muzzle brake. The brake, which is really a brake/compensator hybrid that works to reduce recoil and limit muzzle rise, is an especially nice option for the 6.8 SPC chambering, which carries a bit more punch than the 5.56 NATO/.223 Rem.

PERFORMANCE

| MANUFACTURER | VELOCITY (fps) | AVG. GROUP (in.) | BEST GROUP (in.) |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|
| American Eagle 115-gr. | 2,675 | 1.37 | 1.25 |
| Nosler 90-gr. | 2,840 | 1.29 | 1.10 |

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The forward rail sections are great for accessories, though they do not provide the most ergonomic or comfortable hold for those who prefer a forward grip.

The beauty of the Model 57, however, is that its stunning exterior is equaled by its well-made integral parts. The Specter features a 16-inch barrel in the 6.8 SPC chambering, as well as a 1:10-inch twist. The barrel is

heat treated, 4140 steel with YHM's exclusive ball-cut fluting to improve rigidity and aid in barrel cooling. The barrel is also threaded for various muzzle products, including the standard Slant compensator/muzzle brake.

The rifle also utilizes a two-stage, 5-pound, drop-in trigger that makes it enjoyable to shoot and highly accurate. The aforementioned flip-up sights come stock, as does the tactical

charging handle latch and low-profile gas block. The Model 57 comes with a Magpul CTR buttstock and MOE pistol grip, as well as two PMAGS (the 6.8 version comes with two standard metal magazines). The overall weight of the rifles is 7.6 pounds, which makes it well balanced to shoot but light enough to provide added maneuverability.

Range Tested

The Model 57 Specter was tested for accuracy with two loads: the 115-grain American Eagle FMJ from Federal Premium and Nosler's 90-grain Defense Bonded Performance. Accuracy testing was conducted from a bench at 100 yards with Steiner's uber-impressive M5Xi 3-15x50mm Military optic. Accuracy data was based on five three-shot groups. Close-range target work was also conducted with Trijicon's RMR and the stock YHM Q.D.S. flip-up sights.

With a rated velocity of 2,675 feet per second (fps), Federal's American Eagle 115-grain FMJ produced an average group of 1.37 inches and a best group of 1.25 inches. For everyday range work, the American Eagle FMJ is accurate and cost effective, running you about \$16 for a box of 20.

The second test load was Nosler's 90-grain Defense Bonded Performance, which has a rated velocity of 2,840 fps. The best group produced by the 90-grain bullet was 1.10 inches, with an average group of 1.29 inches.

Parting Shots

Yankee Hill's Model 57 Specter is visually appealing and made for long-term reliability. Its components are made in the U.S. and produced by one of the most skilled machine shops in the country. For an upgraded rifle straight out of the box that sets you apart from the crowd, the Model 57 is just the ticket. It comes in all the hot AR-15-platform calibers, including the rising stars like the 6.8 SPC and .300 BLK. And if burnt bronze isn't your color, you can always go with a Henry Ford classic: black. For a price of \$2,635, you do pay more than you would for a bargain basement build, but you also get a lot more, too. **GDTM**



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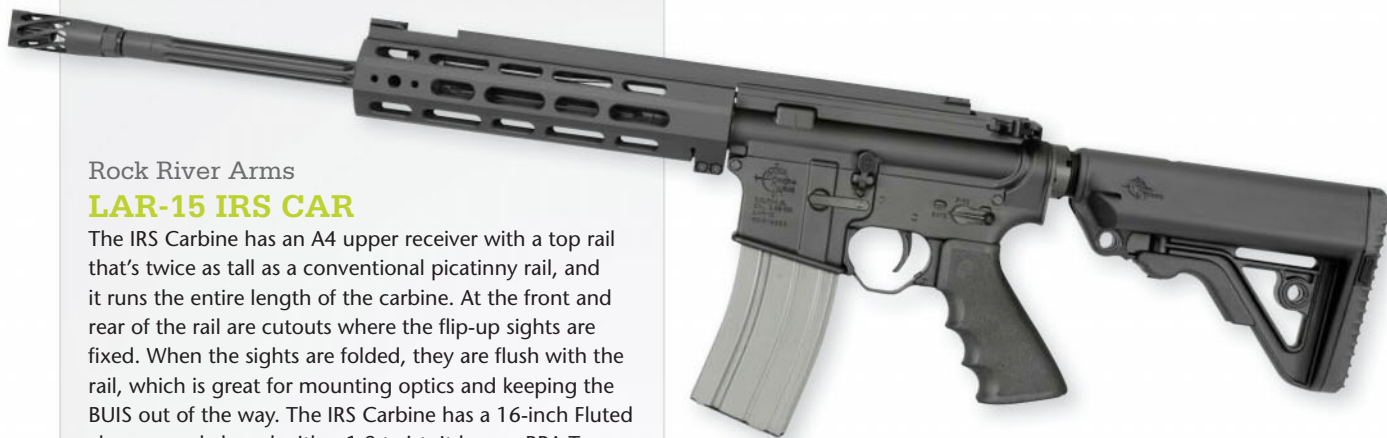
If you think an AR-type rifle is by definition a functional tool devoid of form, Yankee Hill Machine (YHM) is here to prove you wrong. YHM's newest masterpiece is the Model 57 Specter (see page 34), which just happens to come in burnt bronze—one of the sharpest looking colors currently on the market. The rifle features 7075-T6 aluminum upper and lower receivers and a 16-inch, heat-treated and fluted barrel with unique YHM-specific dimpling. The barrel is capped by a YHM slant brake and is available in 5.56mm, .300 BLK and 6.8 SPC II. The rifle we got our hands on is chambered in 6.8 SPC and features a 1:10-inch twist rate (it is also available in 1:7- or 1:9-inch twist rates for the 5.56mm and a 1:8-inch twist rate for the .300 BLK).



YHM

Model 57 Specter

The Model 57 Specter comes standard with a crisp and clean 5-pound, two-stage trigger and includes a tactical charging handle latch. A rifle-length SLR-Slant handguard graces the 57 XL, which utilizes a direct impingement gas system (also available in carbine length). The rifle features a forward assist, Q.D.S. Sight System, Magpul MOE pistol grip, adjustable Magpul CTR buttstock and comes with two PMAGs and a hard plastic case. Weight on the rifle is 7.45 pounds. With creative design and expert craftsmanship, the Model 57 is a perfect union of form and function. (\$2,365; Yhm.net)



Rock River Arms

LAR-15 IRS CAR

The IRS Carbine has an A4 upper receiver with a top rail that's twice as tall as a conventional picatinny rail, and it runs the entire length of the carbine. At the front and rear of the rail are cutouts where the flip-up sights are fixed. When the sights are folded, they are flush with the rail, which is great for mounting optics and keeping the BUIS out of the way. The IRS Carbine has a 16-inch Fluted chrome-moly barrel with a 1:9 twist. It has an RRA Two-Stage trigger protected by a winter trigger guard. It has a Hogue rubber grip and an RRA Operator CAR stock. The overall length is 38 inches extended and 34.5 inches collapsed, and it weighs 7.6 pounds. Accuracy is guaranteed 1 MOA at 100 yards. (\$1,540: rockriverarms.com)



CMMG

MK-47 Mutant

This mutant spawn is what happens when you take an AR and mix it with an AK. It looks like an AR, until you notice half of the magazine well has been chopped off and it has a Kalashnikov magazine. The result is AR-like accuracy with the reliability of the Kalashnikov and the power of the .30 caliber 7.62x39. The upper and lower receivers have been designed for strength while weighing only 7.2 pounds. The bolt carrier group is based off the heavy duty AR10 .308 bolt carrier group, for rock solid toughness. It uses a CMMG RKM KeyMod handguard and has a picatinny rail that runs the full length. It takes easy-to-find AK magazines and accepts most AR accessories and furniture. The MK-47 comes in three models. (\$1,500 Mutant T/ \$1,650 Mutant AKM/ \$1,850 Mutant AK; cmmginc.com)

Diamondback

DB10

Chambered in 7.62x51/.308 Win, the HB10 is available in two models, the Standard and the Elite. The standard comes with a 16-inch HBAR (Heavy Barrel) with a 1:10 twist, mid-length gas system and an A2 style compensator. The upper and lower receivers are CNC machined Billet 7075-T6 Aluminum, and have been matched for perfect wall thickness. The DB10 Elite has a 18-inch HBAR with a Rifle length gas system and a JP JPTRE-424 compensator. It has a 15-inch LW Key-Mod rail, Ergo Sure Grip pistol grip and a Magpul PRS buttstock. It weighs 10.5 pounds. (\$2,049-\$2,653; diamondbackfirearms.com)





Battle Rifle Company

BR4 Odin

This carbine is a joint project between Battle Rifle Company (BRC) and Odin Works — makers of premium rifle accessories. It has a 14.5-inch cryogenically treated barrel with 1:7 or 1:9 twist and a permanently mounted BRC flash suppressor. The handguard is the Odin Works 12.5-inch Keymod rail with one detachable five-slot rail. It ships with a Magpul stock, B.A.D. lever, Ergo pistol grip and a winter trigger guard. The overall length is 35 inches with the stock extended and it weighs 6.1 pounds. It comes chambered in 5.56 NATO, with 300 Blackout optional. Other options include: nickel boron bolt carrier, ECS Stock, Vltor Stock and mid-length gas system. (\$1,495; battleriflecompany.com)

Colt

LE6920 OEM

Colt took their venerable LE6920 — the civilian version of the U.S. military's M4 carbine—and stripped off all the furniture and the handguards. In doing so, Colt shaved \$362 off the price of a standard configuration LE6920. It's a great idea, and it puts a high quality Colt in the price range of bargain ARs. The barrel is Chrome lined with a 1:7 inch RH twist. It comes in two models—OEM1 (for drop-in handguards, standard front sight base) and OEM2 (for floating handguards, low profile gas block). (\$793; colt.com)



FNH

FN 15 DMR

Continuing with their civilian AR models, FN has released the FN 15 DMR, or Designated Marksman Rifle. This bad boy comes with an 18-inch match-grade, chrome lined, cold hammer-forged barrel, made for accuracy and longevity. It comes with a lightweight Midwest Industries SSM M-LOK 15-inch handguard and a SureFire ProComp 556 muzzle break to reduce recoil. It also has a Timney Competition trigger that offers consistent trigger pull. The grip is a Magpul MOE, the buttstock is Magpul STR, and the sights are Magpul MBUS Pro. It weighs 7.2 pounds, and with the stock collapsed it is 35 inches in length and with it extended it's 38 inches. Chambered in 5.56 NATO. (\$1,899; fnusa.com)



Smith & Wesson

M&P10

Sharing a similar iconic look as the M&P15, Smith & Wesson introduced the M&P10 a few years back to add more stopping power to its already popular line of AR-type rifles. Chambered in 7.62 NATO (.308 Win.), the M&P10 features ambidextrous controls and a flattop receiver with a forward assist. Both upper and lower are constructed from 7075 T6 aluminum, while the rifle comes standard with a Mil-Spec trigger. The rifle features an 18-inch, 4140 steel barrel with a 1:10-inch twist, six-position M4-style buttstock and has an overall weight of 7.71 pounds. The gas block has its own Picatinny rail for those who want to mount a sight. The M&P10 is built simple and tough, comes optic-ready for long-range enthusiasts and is, like the rest of the M&P line, designed to be a workhorse. (\$1,619; smith-wesson.com)



Wilson Combat

Urban Sniper Rifle

Wilson took their popular Super Sniper and shaved it down by about two and a half inches and one and a half pounds, and the result is the Urban Sniper Rifle. It's built on a forged 7075 flat top upper and lower receiver, and has a eighteen inch fluted, medium-heavy, stainless steel premium match-grade barrel with a 1-in-8 twist and a target crown. It uses a direct impingement mid-length gas system with a low profile gas block. (\$2,225; wilsoncombat.com) **GDTM**



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LWRCI unleashes a beast
with its new M6IC-A5.

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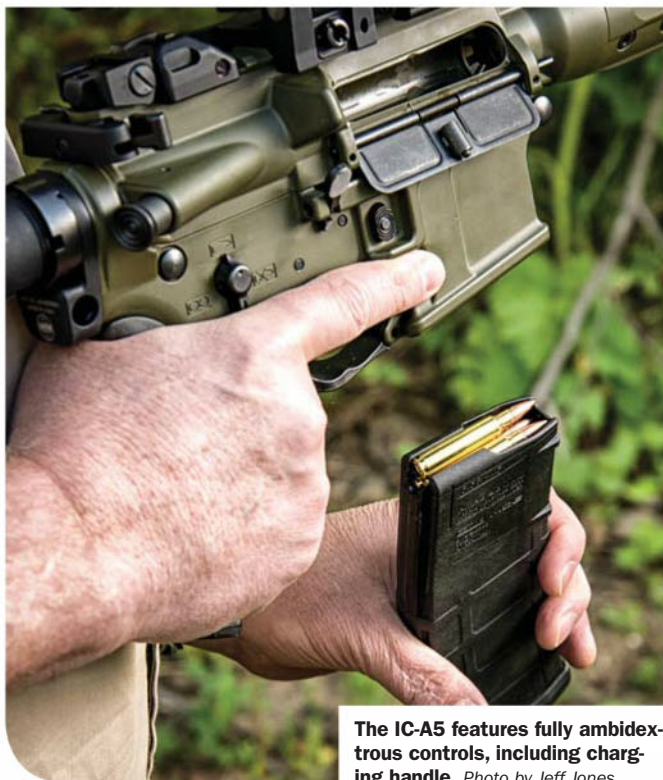
HULK SMASH!

They say competition breeds innovation, which couldn't be more true than it is for LWRC International (LWRCI). The company was founded to pursue the development of a short-stroke, gas-piston operated firearm that would replace the M4 as the main service weapon for the U.S. Army.

Although the Individual Carbine competition was cancelled in 2013, that original research and development led to a whole family of LWRCI rifles that are produced under the Individual Carbine (IC) nomenclature and sold to everyone from warfighters and law enforcement to hardcore civilian shooters.

The latest from LWRCI is the M6IC-A5 chambered in 5.56 NATO and available in OD Green, which like the Incredible Hulk is a highly evolved and technologically advanced version of a Bruce-Banner-like classic, Eugene Stoner's AR-15/M16. As with the original Individual Carbine design, the hallmark of

the A5 is LWRCI's patented short-stroke, gas-piston operation, which is designed to improve upon the original direct gas impingement system developed by Stoner in the 1950s. The short-stroke, gas-piston system is constructed with aerospace-grade superalloys that can withstand extremely high temperatures without losing their strength or becoming fatigued. This makes the A5 highly reliable even in the worst conditions. Because the A5 is duty built for tip-of-the-spear military personnel around the world, durability and functionality are non-negotiable.



The IC-A5 features fully ambidextrous controls, including charging handle. Photo by Jeff Jones

LWRC INTERNATIONAL M6IC-A5

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| TYPE | Short-stroke, gas-piston |
| CALIBER | 5.56 NATO |
| BARREL | 16 in., 1:7-in. twist |
| WEIGHT | 7.3 lbs. |
| HANDGUARD | 12-inch modular rail |
| STOCK | LWRCI, adjustable compact |
| GRIP | Magpul |
| TRIGGER | Enhanced FCG, nickel-boron coated |
| MAGAZINE | PMAG (30-round) |
| MUZZLE DEVICE | A2-style |
| MSRP | \$2,749 |
| MANUFACTURER | LWRC International 410-901-1348 LWRCI.com |

Piston Driven

One of the known issues with the direct gas impingement system developed by Stoner is that hot gases and carbon from the discharged cartridge are dumped into the action of the rifle where they strike the gas key, pushing the bolt carrier rearward against the buffer spring and thus cycling the action. This causes carbon buildup in the action and eventually contributes to functionality issues. If nothing else, this necessitates more regular weapon cleaning.

The beauty of the short-stroke, gas-piston operating system, however, is that gases from the spent cartridge move through the gas block where

they strike a piston—the piston then drives the bolt carrier rearward while the dirty gases exit the firearm clear of the action itself. Combined with LWRCI's nickel-boron coating and the superalloy components used in the piston system, this means the action stays cleaner, longer, thus reducing carbon buildup that leads to malfunction.

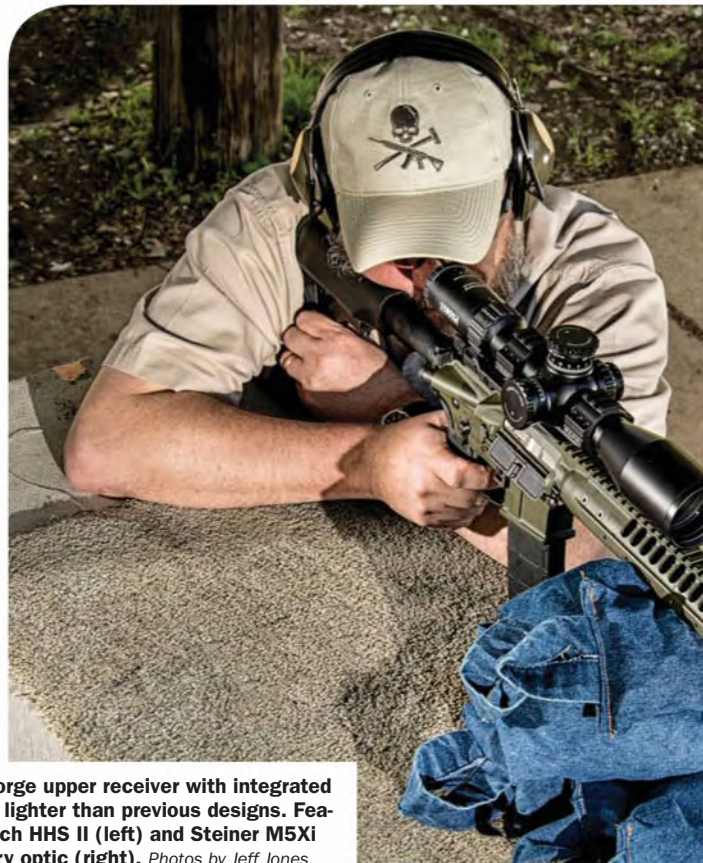
The tradeoff, of course, is that piston-operated platforms typically cost more than their direct gas-impingement counterparts. Some have pointed out that the piston system increases felt recoil, but the difference is negligible especially with the 5.56 NATO/.223 Rem. cartridge. For some people the increase in cost is worth it, particularly when the mission profile includes the discharge of high volumes of ammunition and minimal time for cleaning. For the warfighter, reliability is obviously paramount and the cost is often negligible in comparison to the value gained. For the weekend shooter, the

cost may not be necessary but could nonetheless be desirable.

Historically, the other problem has been the way in which the piston operating system has been applied to the AR platform—early on several manufacturers tried to take Stoner's design and modify it for use with a piston system, but without considering the effects this would have on components that weren't designed for that purpose. Ultimately this led to issues like carrier tilt and damage to the lower receiver. What LWRCI and others have done, however, is engineer the AR concept and components specifically for use with a short-stroke, gas-piston operating system. Rather than being an afterthought, the short-stroke piston operation is foundational to the IC-A5.

The AR Evolved

Among the standout features on the new A5 is a machined Monoforge upper receiver with an integrated rail



Built with a Monoforge upper receiver with integrated rail base, the A5 is lighter than previous designs. Featured with an EOTech HHS II (left) and Steiner M5Xi 3-15x50mm Military optic (right). Photos by Jeff Jones.

base that is lighter and stronger than previous two-piece designs. The rail comes pre-drilled for a host of rail segment configurations to meet the user's needs and preferences, including the option to install a quad rail via the retaining screw holes.

The upper also eliminates the need for a standard barrel nut, and instead is secured by a proprietary non-indexing torque ring. This ring system provides even pressure around the barrel for optimal fit. Not only is the upper and rail design functional, it's also visually appealing. Available Cerakote

finishes include Flat Dark Earth (FDE), Olive Drab Green (ODG) and Patriot Brown (PBC), and then of course as Henry Ford always said, there's black.

LWRICI prides itself on providing the customer with top-tier quality parts in its firearms, according to Jeff Clemmer, vice president of product development, which is why it manufactures its cold hammer forged barrels in house. The barrels are forged from 41V45 steel alloy and are treated with NiCorr surface conversion technology, which the company claims is more resistant to wear, heat and corrosion

than hard chrome.

The IC-A5 features eye-catching spiral fluting to provide a barrel that's 20 percent lighter than those of similar diameter. The barrel is pretty damn sleek to look at, but the spiral fluting also allows the barrel to cool faster and, according to LWRICI, provides greater accuracy. Featuring a scallop-cut design on the front of the handguard, the A5 also has an easy-to-access, two-position gas block for use with or without a suppressor and includes a standard A2-style flash hider.

As a duty-built rifle, the A5 is fully

PERFORMANCE

| MANUFACTURER | VELOCITY (fps) | STANDARD DEVIATION (fps) | EXTREME SPREAD (fps) | AVG. GROUP (in.) | BEST GROUP (in.) |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Nosler Custom 69-gr. Match Grade | 2,507 | 15 | 27 | 1.28 | .254 |
| Hornady 55-gr. V-MAX | 2,793 | 27 | 49 | .80 | .361 |
| HPR 62-gr. Black Ops | 2,694 | 21 | 32 | 1.67 | 1.38 |



ambidextrous, allowing the shooter to manipulate the firearm from a number of different positions and/or around, over or under barriers. This includes ambidextrous safety selector, charging handle and mag release. The bolt and carrier group feature LWRCI's patented nickel-alloy coating, as does the trigger unit. The nickel-alloy coating, according to the company, provides a permanent lubricious surface that never rubs off or attracts debris. Two barrel length options are available, either a 14.7- or 16.1-inch configuration with not even half a pound of weight difference between the two. The rifle tested was the 16-inch version.

Range Tested

Accuracy testing was conducted at 100 yards from a bench with a Steiner M5Xi 3-15x50mm Military optic, while close-range target work was performed with EOTech's HHS II EXPS2-2 with G33.STS magnifier. Velocity was measured with a Competition Electronics ProChrono chronograph from Brownells. The first load tested was the Nosler Custom




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Military Handguns: S&W Victory; P1s; Makarovs; Colt 1911; Hi-Power; Femaru 29M.

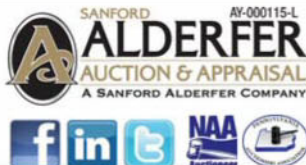
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69-grain Match Grade, which posted an average velocity of 2,507 feet per second (fps), a standard deviation of 15 fps and an extreme spread of 27 fps. The best group of the accuracy testing came with the Nosler Custom, which produced an uber-impressive group of just .254 inches. The average group was 1.28 inches.

The second load tested was Hornady's 55-grain V-MAX, which is quite typically a top performer. The 55-grain V-MAX posted a miniscule best group of .361 inches and an average group of .80 inches. The average velocity was 2,793 fps, with a standard deviation of 27 fps and an extreme spread of 49 fps.

Third and finally, HPR's 62-grain Black Ops was tested. Packaged to perfection, the Black Ops load produced a best group of 1.38 inches and an average of 1.67 inches. The average velocity was 2,694 fps, with an extreme spread of 32 fps and a standard deviation of 21 fps.

Parting Shots

One of the main advantages with the IC-A5 is that you get a highly-advanced, highly-functional, short-stroke, gas-piston operated AR right out of the box for \$2,749 (MSRP). Sure, you could make similar upgrades yourself, but let's face it—not everybody wants a do-it-yourself AR build. Even then, very few DIY builds would rival the A5.

The A5 also comes fully loaded with Magpul pistol grip and magazines, as well as a nickel-boron coating on trigger, bolt carrier and group, and barrel. Flip-up sights come standard, while a continuous top rail provides a great number of day and night optic configurations. The rifle is also fully ambidextrous, incredibly ergonomic in design and functional to operate. Color options match an already sleek design, and you know you're getting an aerospace-grade gun with unsurpassed longevity. **GDTM**

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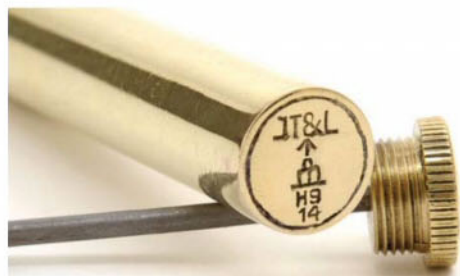
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poops on the same table they eat off of. I have no idea where they get the statistical or scientific data to support this analogy, but the premise is that a gas impingement-driven AR throws all its waste (carbon fouling) right into the same area where it eats, operates, and feeds its new ammo inside the action.

First off—and before we get into the gas piston system—let’s look at whether this is a real problem. Yes, you can shoot a gas impingement AR enough that it will become fouled to the point it will not operate reliably. The problem is I cannot tell you how much shooting this will require. It depends on the amount of carbon deposits produced by the ammo, and that varies from ammo to ammo. It also depends on how hot you get your AR while you’re shooting it.

I have a Smith & Wesson M&P 15 I’ve owned for six years. I have shot it thousands of times. I have never, ever cleaned it and I have never lubed it. However, I have never fired more than a magazine (30 rounds) at a time. In other words I have never gotten the rifle really hot. Additionally, I have taken a variety of carbine training courses in which I fired between 500 and 1,000 rounds of ammo over several days and, yes, some of those guns got really hot and really dirty. I didn’t clean them either, nor did I have a single functioning issue.

On the other hand, I have tested a variety of ARs from many manufacturers, using a wide variety of ammo, and, on occasion, I’ve run into functioning problems that were corrected by cleaning the AR, sometimes after as few as 200 rounds. For what it’s worth, this might be a good place to add that the No. 1 cause of malfunctioning issues with an AR has nothing to do with fouling, but is most often caused by faulty magazines. In fact, this is generally the cause of malfunctioning problems with any semi-auto firearm. Bottom line is, though, if you are in combat or fighting zombies and you’re shooting thousands of rounds per day without any opportunity to clean your AR, particularly if you are shooting at a fast rate of fire and getting the AR very hot, you may very well run into

GAS IMPINGEMENT VS. GAS PISTON

Which is the better platform?

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The original AR, as designed by Eugene Stoner, functions on the gas impingement system. To recap, as the bullet travels down the barrel, it passes a hole in the top of the barrel and a small amount of the gas pushing the bullet is diverted through this hole. The gas is then directed back through a tube and into the upper receiver, where it pushes against the gas key on top of the bolt carrier. This pushes the bolt carrier back and cycles the action.

There are three complaints with this system. The first is that this dispersion of hot gas into the receiver heats up the operating components of the AR. Hey, this gas is very hot, a lot hotter than the empty cases that are ejected. During sustained fire, this can create a lot of heat, and this heat can, theoretically, cause additional wear to the operating components. The heat also bakes the carbon residue contained in the powder onto the bolt and bolt carrier. The third complaint is the fouling. Regardless how hot you get your AR, all that carbon fouling is still deposited inside the operating mechanism.

Some correlate this gas impingement operating system to a person who

a situation where the heat and fouling does cause functioning issues that can only be corrected by lots of lubrication or a judicious cleaning.

This might be a good time to interject something else: Just because an AR is a mechanical device does not mean you need to soak it in lubrication. Indeed, lubrication can make the moving parts move and work together easier, but soaking the internals of an AR can cause a dangerous situation. If you get excess lubrication in the chamber and bore of the AR, you can create an over-pressure situation that can have disastrous consequences. A little lube goes a long way on an AR, especially if it is applied to the right spots.

But back to the topic at hand, and that is which operating system might be best for the AR. One of the most reliable battle rifles of all time is the AK-47, which was designed by Mikhail Kalashnikov. Like the AR, the AK runs on gas, but instead of using direct gas to operate the action, the AK uses the gas to drive a piston/rod attached to the bolt carrier. This rod essentially does what the gas in a gas-operated AR does and pushes the bolt carrier to the rear, cycling the action. The gas in the AK is then vented to the outside and, therefore, never enters the action area of the rifle.

In addition to having a great reputation for reliability, the AK also has an equally bad reputation for inaccuracy. In close quarters this isn't an issue, but if you are trying to hit a man-sized target or something smaller at several hundred yards with an AK, all I'll say is "good luck."

There are a variety of reasons the AK is not very accurate, and one of those is the piston operating system. You see, this piston induces barrel torque. It also negatively impacts barrel harmonics. At the same time, due to its piston operating system, the AK runs much cooler and cleaner than the AR, because none of those hot gases are making their way back into the action. This led some designers to consider the possibility of making an AR that would run with a piston system. Some called this an attempt to solve a problem that didn't exist, while others saw it as the second coming of John Browning.



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On the positive side, all the gas is expunged from the system at the gas block, so the internals of a piston-driven AR stay very clean and quite cool. On the negative side, the bolt carrier inside an AR was not designed to be pounded on with a steel rod, and this pounding at the front end of the bolt carrier causes the bolt carrier to tilt as it functions. Theoretically, this induces undue wear on the upper receiver and bolt carrier. Also theoretically, the operating rod system makes the rifle less accurate, because its connection to the barrel can influence torque as the barrel heats up, thereby interfering with barrel harmonics as the bullet travels down its length. Finally, the impulse of the piston slapping the bolt carrier changes the way the rifle feels when it recoils. Recoil is intensified in this case, though admittedly to such a slight degree that most shooters will not be able to discern it.

Though it has nothing to do with the operation of the AR, there is one other downside to the piston-driven design: it costs more. Many piston-driven ARs cost twice as much as most gas impingement ARs. So, maybe the real question is, is the piston-driven system worth the money?

I asked the only super soldier I know about his thoughts on the gas impingement versus piston question. Cody Carroll works for Magpul in product development and research and has been over in the sand box as a solider and a sniper for the Army and the Marines. In short, he has pulled a lot of AR triggers when it really mattered. Cody told me, "My thoughts are the gas system works best on mid- and rifle-length guns, but, if you want a carbine or PDW (Personal Defense Weapon), you need a piston. The HK416, for instance, is a tank. I'd trade all of my gas guns for the reliabil-

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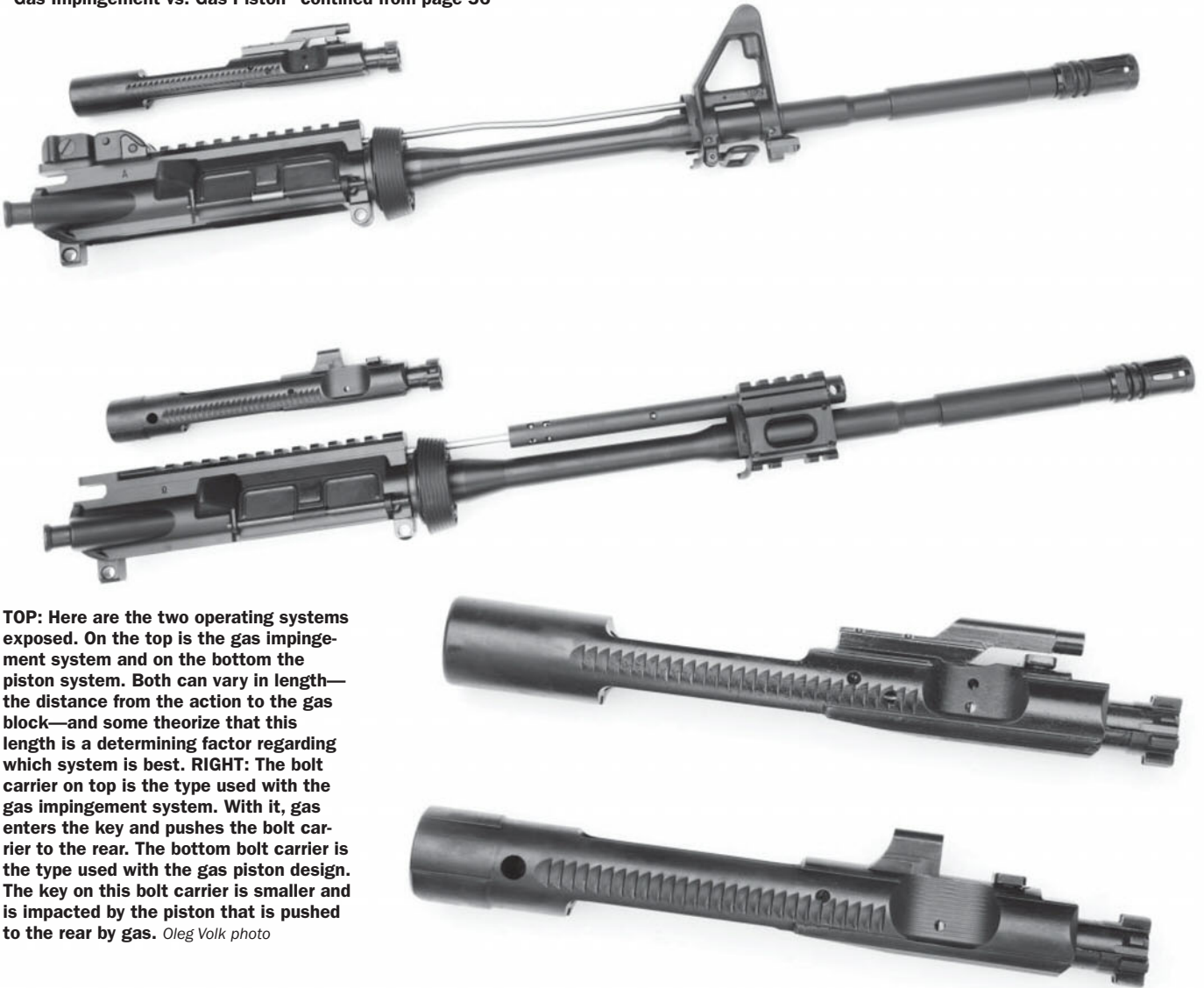
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ity and life span of the 416.”

Just so you know, the HK416 is a weapon system designed and manufactured by Heckler & Koch. It uses the AR-15 platform and was conceived to be an improvement to the Colt M4 carbine currently issued to the U.S. military, but with the notable inclusion of an HK-proprietary short-stroke gas piston system derived from the Heckler & Koch G36. Considering Cody’s background, his opinion is worth listening to.

His comments also bring up another point that needs addressing. Cody mentioned the mid- and rifle-length gas systems. What he is referring to is the fact that the gas system for ARs can vary in length. Usually, the length of the barrel dictates the length of the gas system, and there are primar-

ily four different gas system lengths for an AR: pistol-, carbine-, mid-, and rifle-length.

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monly found on ARs with barrels 20 inches or longer.

The general consensus is that the longer the gas system (gas tube), the less wear and tear that will be experienced on the upper receiver. The longer the gas tube, the longer the handguard design that can be used, too. This is because the handguard generally runs out only as far as the gas block on the barrel. Recently, low-profile gas blocks are becoming more popular; they fit low enough to the barrel that the handguard can extend out beyond the gas block. This works very well and will allow you to increase your sight radius and mount other devices like night vision optics on your AR. Still, if you want the versatility of the adjustable gas block, you have to have access to it. In that

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case, it will need to be exposed, and that means the handguard must stop short of the gas block. Decisions, decisions. Your only option, if you have an AR and want to change the length of the gas system, is to purchase a new barrel and gas system. Or, obviously, you could go with a different, complete upper receiver that has a different length gas system. One thing's for sure: with an AR, you'll run out of money before you run out of options.

Ultimately, it's a call only you can make. I can only offer my opinion based on firsthand experience. As someone who tests and reviews guns for a variety of firearms periodicals, I've had the opportunity to test versions of both the gas impingement and piston-driven ARs. Here are my factual discoveries:

Piston-driven guns run much cleaner. Fire a 30-round magazine through a piston-driven AR and it will look just as clean afterwards as it did before you fired it.

Piston-driven guns run much cooler. You'll have to shoot about 100 rounds through a piston gun and a gas gun to really feel the difference, but it is there.

On average, piston-driven guns are less accurate. This does not mean piston-driven ARs are *in*accurate, but, looking over my test records, the most accurate ARs I've tested have been those that work with the gas impingement system.

On average, piston-driven guns cost more. This observation must be qualified with "it depends." There are some very expensive gas impingement ARs and some piston-driven ARs that are not all that expensive. However, if you want to purchase the least expensive AR possible, it will be a gas impingement gun.

If you intend to run a suppressor on your AR, it has been my experience that the gas impingement guns are more suppressor-friendly, especially those with an adjustable gas block that

allows you to control the amount of gas directed back through the gas tube.

Both piston-driven and gas impingement guns are very reliable. If, by magic, you inserted me in the pages of Bryce Towsley's book "The 14th Reinstated" and I had to live through a social and economic collapse where there were roving bands of marauders, and if you told me I had to pick between a gas impingement or a piston-driven AR, I really would not care which one I ended up with. Except for three things: parts for gas impingement ARs are easier to find, much more plentiful and less expensive.

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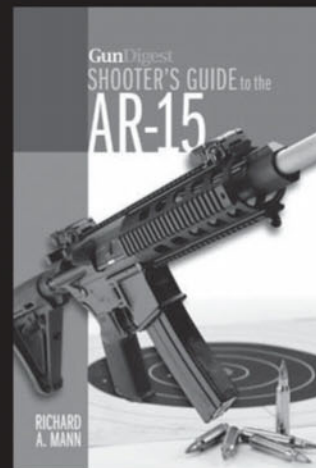


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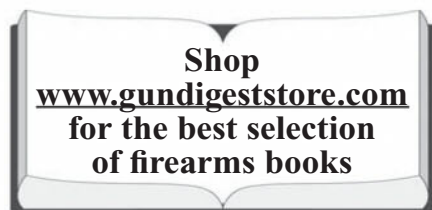


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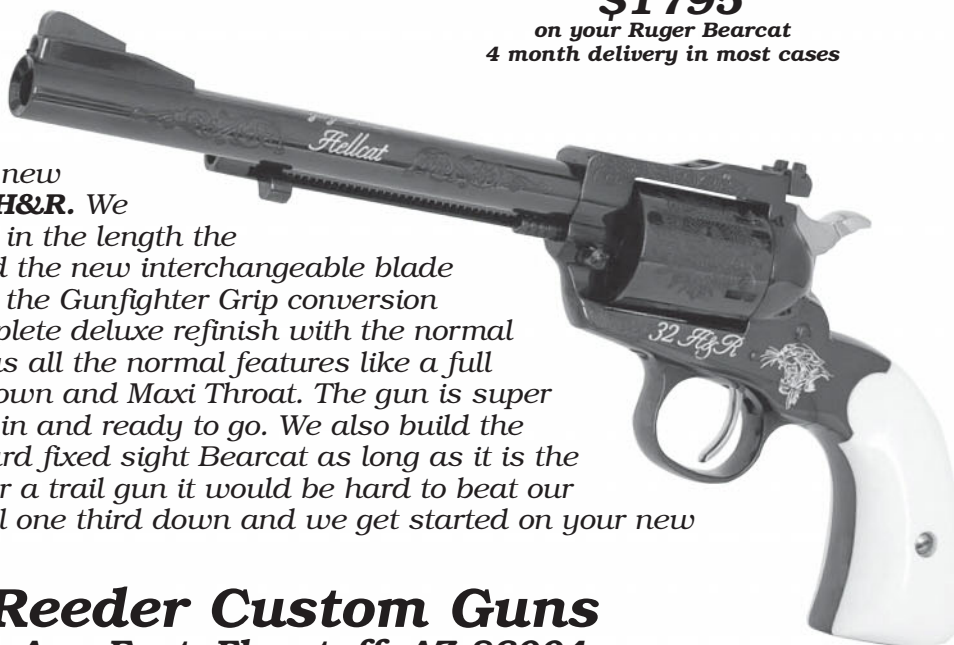
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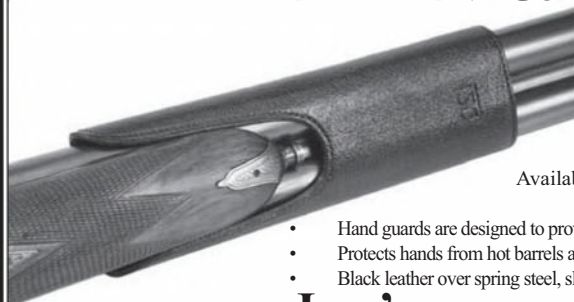
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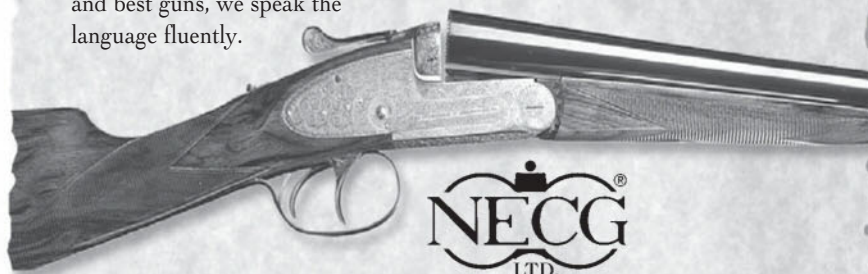
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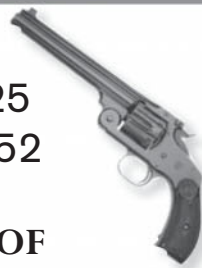


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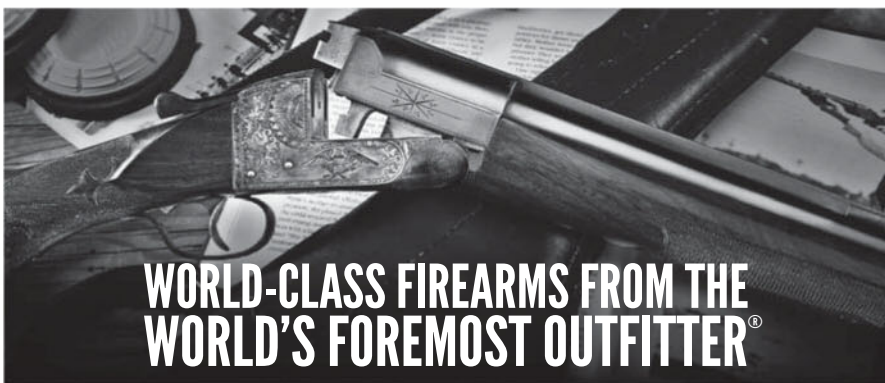
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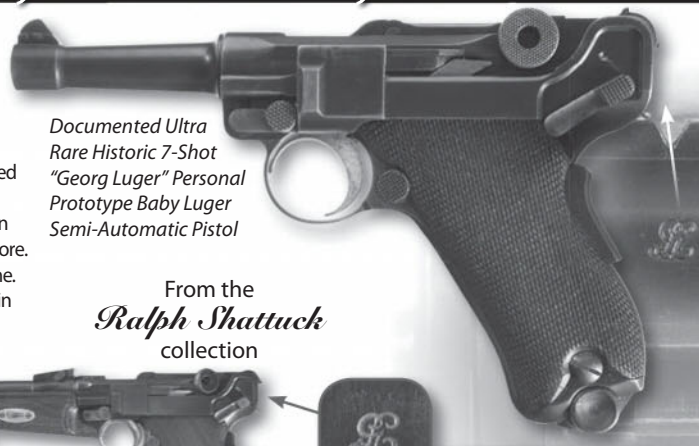
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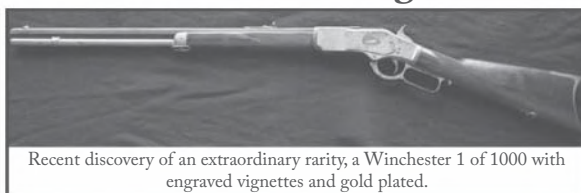
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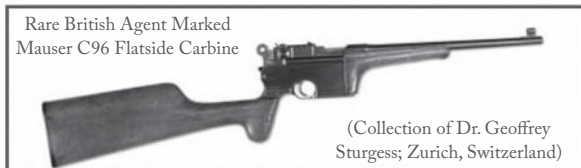
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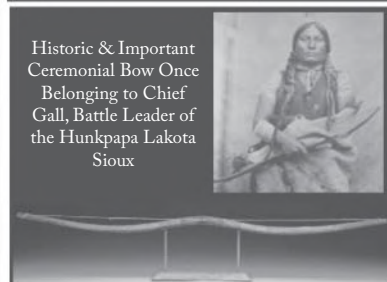


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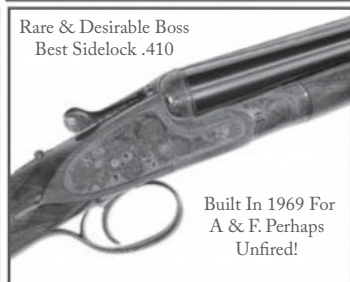
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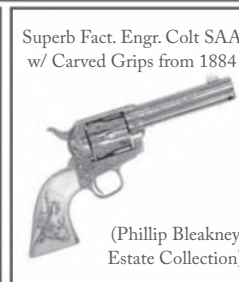
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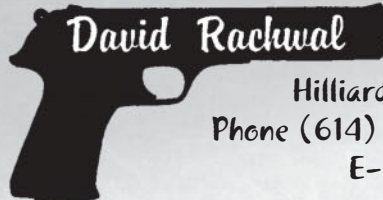
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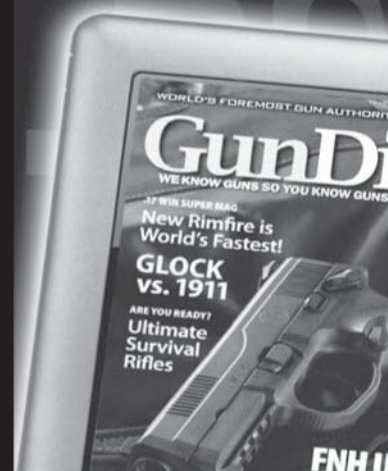
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- #RC **SWISS VETTERLI**-10.4 mm, these were the first Swiss military rifles with metallic cartridges and turn down bolts. Receiver is marked M 78. **This is the best and only one I've ever seen which has high condition, showing 98% blue, excellent wood with minor handling marks and crisp clear cartouches, perfect bore. A rare find in this condition!***\$650.00
- #357 **USMC WINCHESTER MODEL 70 VAN ORDEN SNIPER**-30/06 caliber, heavy barrel, clip slotted receiver, steel butt plate, 1 1/4 inch sling swivels, Redfield international match sites and drilled for scope blocks, all special order from Winchester for the Marine Corps. This gun is listed by serial number in the book "Death from Far" and is in new unissued condition. Can't be upgraded! A super rare find!.....\$6750.00
- #86 **WALTHER G 43 AC 44**-8mm, World War II Nazi issue, with cleaning rod, sight hood, muzzle cover, and postwar sling. VG wood with clear markings and some handling marks, blue about 95% \$2450.00
- #365 **RARE WINCHESTER MODEL 1200 TRENCH GUN**-12gauge, Vietnam era up through the 1980s trench gun. **Extremely hard to find!** Two-tone with black receiver and green parkerized barrel, magazine tube, handguard, and bolt. Plain walnut wood. These guns are almost impossible to find because they are still in the government arsenals and will end up being cut up and disposed of. This gun comes with its original sling and is 98%\$4850.00
- HANDGUNS.**
- #623 **BACON PERCUSSION REVOLVER***-31 caliber, 5 inch barrel, fluted cylinder with engraved frame. **A rare gun that is seldom seen, high condition showing 95% blue on barrel and fluted cylinder, about 20% on engraved frame, 90%+ case color unloading lever, 95% varnish on grips mint bore gun is unfired!**.....\$2450.00
- #95 **CZ 39**-380 caliber, 1939 production 98%.....\$695.00
- #598 **BORCHARDT C 93 PISTOL SUPER RARE CASED COMPLETE SET**-30 caliber, the forerunner of the Luger pistol, manufactured by LOEWE who had the lowest production of a proximately 1000 guns, DWM had the highest production. This is a fantastic set which is all matching, including four matching mags, one super rare dummy mag, matching stock and cheek piece, holster, oil bottle, cleaning rod and all the different cleaning tips, even has the key to the case! The only thing missing is the sling, otherwise it is complete. Early production with a low serial number, the gun is 100% original untouched showing about 98% blue, 95% fire blue and straw on small parts, with perfect grips. Case is excellent, which the black cover was removed and then varnished. All the fittings and handle on the case are perfect condition, and still has the brass oval on the lid which was never engraved with the name. A first-class blue chip investment firearm for advanced collectors*\$48,000.00
- #348 **BROWNING 1910 AUTO**-380 caliber, Belgium manufactured, comes in original Browning pouch 97%.....\$595.00
- #209 **CHICAGO PALM PISTOL***-32 caliber, nickel, **appears unfired!** This is one of the best ones I've never had or seen, comes in a beautiful mahogany presentation case, with the label inside the lid, green felt lined. Case is not quite as old as the gun but is very attractive and still adds to the value. Gun is 99%+ mint!*\$3850.00
- #104 **COLT FIRST MODEL DERRINGER**-41 rimfire, nickel frame with blued barrel, perfect bore. 95% nickel and case colors, traces of blue on barrel, a super crisp gun which is probably unfired*\$1750.00
- #50 **COLT SAA US ARTILLERY**-45 caliber, US military issue, 1903 cartouche with RAC inspector initials, a complete rig with excellent holster, belt and buckle. Gun has about 85% blue, case colors have faded to about 50%, grips are perfect with crisp clear cartouche. A great rig! *....\$15750.00
- #7 **COLT SAA US ARTILLERY**-45 caliber, US military issue, DFC inspected, 85%+ blue and case colors have faded to about 70%.....**SUPER BLOWOUT SALE \$6950.00**
- #650 **COLT NEW FRONTIER-rare 44/40 caliber, rare only 1076 manufactured, these will be the "flat tops" of the future!** 7 1/2 inch barrel, adjustable sights, blue and case colored, Walnut grips. New in box 3rd- generation\$1995.00
- #281 **COLT 1877 THUNDER**-41 caliber, 4 1/2 inch barrel, blue and case colored with beautiful mother of Pearl grips, with factory letter. 95% blue, 90% case color with perfect grips!\$3750.00
- #323 **COLT 1901 US MILITARY REVOLVER**-38 caliber, US military issue, RAC inspected, with excellent G & K. 1918 dated holster, 97% high polished blue with fire blued small parts, perfect grips and bore. These guns are extremely hard to find in this condition!.....\$2250.00
- #56 **COLT 1909 US MILITARY REVOLVER**-45 LC caliber, US military issue, early mirror high polish blue with fire blued small parts. FB and RAC inspected, **this is the best one I've had in many years at 98%+, these are extremely hard to find in this condition because the finish was so fragile!**.....\$4500.00
- #558 **COLT PREWAR POLICE POSITIVE TARGET**-22 caliber, 6 inch barrel, blued, adjustable target sites, checkered Walnut grips with Colt medallion, perfect bore. These small frame, light weight target revolvers are fairly scarce. This one is good enough to collect, but would also be a great shooter! 97%.....\$1150.00
- #36 **COLT OFFICERS MODEL 32 MATCH**-32 caliber, **extremely rare in this caliber very few manufactured, adjustable front and rear sights, checkered walnut grips with Colt medallion. A beautiful and rare gun 99%**\$4650.00
- #RC **SCARCE COLT NEW SERVICE TARGET**-44 special and Russian caliber 7 1/2 inch barrel, adjustable front and rear sights, checkered walnut grips with Colt medallion, comes with factory letter stating it was shipped to Detroit in 1933. **A fabulous gun!** 99% a scarce gun in this condition!.....\$6750.00
- #355 **COLT PREWAR WOODSMAN**-22 caliber, 6 inch barrel, 1937 production. **An absolutely stunning gun!** 99%+ mint!.....\$1850.00
- #335 **STUNNING PREWAR COLT WOODSMAN AS NEW IN THE ORIGINAL BOX**-22 caliber, four-inch barrel, as new in the original box with manual and test target, 1941 prod\$2850.00
- #50 **RARE COLT 1900 US MILITARY AUTOMATIC**-38 caliber, second US military contract with checkered walnut grips, US and RAC inspected, sight safety and correct 1884 patent date mag. **Only 200 manufactured! The cornerstone of any US military collection!** Came from one of the best US military collections in Kentucky. A nice gun showing 90%+ bright even blue, almost all the fire blue on small parts, nearly perfect grips. **A fantastic gun which you rarely see anymore!**\$24,000.00
- #340 **SCARCE COLT 1902 SPORTER LONG SLIDE**-38 Colt auto, **very scarce first year production with round hammer**, and really nice gun showing 90%+ even bright blue, 95% bright fire blue, perfect grips and bore. **A really tough gun to find in any condition!**.....\$3800.00
- #184 **COLT MODEL 1903 POCKET HAMMER**-38 caliber, 1920 production, a nice representative piece for someone that does not want to pay \$6000 for a mint gun! 95% with most wear being on the grip straps, perfect grips and nice bore\$1650.00
- #321 **COLT MODEL 1908 380**-380 caliber, 1923 production, hard rubber grips. **A stunning gun in the original box with manual 99%**\$3950.00
- #185 **COLT 1911 COMMERCIAL VERY EARLY PRODUCTION**-45 caliber, manufactured in 1912, still has the bright fire blued, safety, trigger, slide stop etc. 100% correct with excellent grips, correct original barrel which has some corrosion from firing corrosive ammo, keyhole magazine, and factory letter. Shipped October 28, 1912 to Von Lenerke & Antoine, Chicago. A nice example showing 95% of its original mirror polished blue!.....\$7750.00
- #339 **COLT PREWAR AGE**-22 caliber, adjustable sights, checkered walnut grips, **early first year production #8XX**, a great example showing 98%+ blue with mainly sharp edge wear at the muzzle, correct two-tone mag, perfect grips and bore.....\$6500.00
- #341 **COLT 1911 A1 COMMERCIAL PREWAR**-45 caliber, 1931 production, with original box, manual, cleaning brush and Colt revolvers pamphlet. **Also comes with factory letter showing the gun was shipped to tool shop and hardware company on March 26, 1931.** This gun comes with a handwritten two-page letter from the original owner who must've worked at the factory, he is describing to his friend something about putting a manual in with each gun. **A stunning gun at 99%!!**\$7450.00
- #263 **COLT RARE PREWAR POSTWAR 38 SUPER**-38 super, in original maroon prewar style box with label attached to lid, "now your new Colt has a glare proof tested finish", with original manual. These guns are made right after the war using some military left over parts. The parts used varies, but this gun has military grips, slide stop, safety lever, and magazine release. 99%.....\$6500.00
- #47 **COLT 1911 A1 US MILITARY WORLD WAR II**-45 caliber, 1943 production, GHD inspected, **this is a stunning gun that is Museum quality!** 99%+\$4500.00
- #16 **COLT WORLD WAR II GOVERNMENT MODEL COMMEMORATIVE**-45 caliber, European and Asian theater, factory engraved and nickel, beautiful Birdseye Maple grips, comes in factory presentation case with plaque and dummy bullets. Also comes with the 650 page book "World War II by CL Sulzberger" factory new. \$1795.00
- #261 **COLT GOVERNMENT MODEL RARE FACTORY MIRROR POLISHED STAINLESS**-45 caliber, **very low production**, a gorgeous gun, which is new in the box with factory outer box, with the manual, extra mag, hanging tag and other miscellaneous factory papers. A great investment!.....\$2650.00
- #547 **COLT 1911 A1**-45 caliber, you us military World War II issue, GHD inspected, 1944 manufactured 99%.....\$3950.00
- #214 **COOPER POCKET REVOLVER**-31 caliber, 4 inch barrel, **unfired!** Extremely high condition, showing 95% bright blue, 95% case colors and nearly perfect grips and bore*\$2750.00
- #269 **ENFIELD MARK XI REVOLVER**-455 caliber, **original factory blue which is rarely encountered (not arsenal blue).** Unfired! This is so rare in this condition that this opportunity may never present itself again! 1926 production, broad arrow proofed. 99%+ mint!.....\$3500.00
- #19 **GAULOIS No 3 RARE ANTIQUE PALM PISTOL**-8 mm, five shot French palm pistol. Number 3 denotes there highest grade of engraving, which is full coverage on this gun. It has a very unique squeeze action which you hold in the palm of your hand and squeeze to fire. **This gun is new and unfired which is unbelievable for a gun 150 years old select! 100% original blue and case colors! Can't be upgraded!*** \$3450.00
- #39 **GALES 25 AUTO**-25 caliber, blue with imitation ivory grip.....\$395.00
- #277 **H&R TRAPPER**-22 caliber, blue, 6 inch octagon barrel, checkered walnut grips. 99%+ mint.....\$465.00
- #2 **H&R VEST POCKET DOUBLE ACTION**-32 caliber, **this is a very rare 1 inch barrel used by gamblers to put in their vest pocket at the turn-of-the-century!** These guns are rarely encountered, especially in high condition, nickel finish and safety hammer. 99% with some very minor scuffs and dings, a rare find!.....\$575.00
- #59 **H&R YOUNG AMERICAN DOUBLE ACTION**-32 caliber, **scarce 2 inch octagon barrel, nickel, 99%**\$3375.00
- #182 **H&R TOP BREAK BICYCLE PISTOL**-32 S&W, **scarce 2 inch barrel, nickel, nicknamed bicycle pistol because of the barrel length 99%**\$425.00
- #180 **H&R 32 CALIBER TOP BREAK REVOLVER**-32 S&W, blued, 3 inch barrel, unfired! 99%+ mint!.....\$350.00
- #181 **H&R 38 HAMMERLESS REVOLVER**-38 S&W, top break, blued, 3 inch barrel, unfired! 99%+ mint!.....\$375.00
- #359 **H&R 22 SPECIAL**-22 caliber nine shot revolver, top break, 6 inch barrel, blued with checkered walnut grips. A great little hi capacity 22 revolver made back in the 1960s 99%.....\$395.00
- #98 **H&R YOUNG AMERICAN**-22 caliber, **rare 4 1/2 octagon barrel, nickel, a rare gun in this condition and barrel configuration. 99%+ mint!**\$575.00
- #71 **JP SAUER 38H**-32 caliber, World War II Nazi issue, late war with third issue logo, E/N proofs. **Comes in original box with manual, extra mag, cleaning rod, and horsehair wipe. The only one I have ever seen in the original box! A rare find!** 99%+.....\$2700.00
- #331 **JP SAUER 38H**-32 caliber, World War II Nazi issue, early high polished blue, E/37 proofs, complete rig with correct Orange holster, and extra mag. Gun is 97% with some light wear on right hand of the slide\$1295.00
- #357 **LLAMA 380 MODEL 111**-380 caliber, manufactured in the 1960s or early 70s, chrome plated with imitation mother-of-pearl grips. New in the original box with manual and cleaning kit. Vent rib slide, shaped like a little 45 auto.....\$675.00
- #618 **LUGER EXTREMELY RARE 1906 COMMERCIAL NAVY**-9 mm, C/N proofs, 6 inch barrel, to position adjustable rear sight. **These navies are extremely rare and much harder to find than the 1906 militarys** 98% plus blue, 95% straw, excellent grips and concentric ring Navy mag. A rare find, this the first one I've seen in years!.....\$7000.00

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- #106 **LUGER RARE COMMERCIAL RIG** -30 caliber, three and three-quarter inch barrel, DWM manufactured, **rare commercial rig with mint commercial holster, extra mag, commercial loading tool.** Germany marked, crown N proofs. Holster is excellent rare commercial holster, gun is 99%+! Can't be upgraded!.....\$2850.00
- #244 **LUGER RARE SIMPSON MANUFACTURED** -9 mm, very few manufactured in the 1920s, E/6 proofs, all matching with matching mag, one of the finest I've seen! 98% blue, 75% straw, perfect grips. **A superb Simpson!**.....\$6950.00
- #186 **LUGER MAUSER PARABELLUM**-30 caliber, 6 inch barrel, manufactured in the 1970's, Swiss style. 99%+ mint! \$1195.00
- #23 **LUGER 1906 PORTUGUESE M2**-30 caliber, complete rig with excellent Portuguese holster, cleaning rod and pin pouch. Gun is 98%.....\$3650.00
- #284 **LUGER 1920/1916 NAVY ARTILLERY**-9 mm, World War II reissued to the Navy, **very rare!** 0 property range, with reworked holster made to be carried on a belt with the same property number as the gun. A rare find in any condition! 90%+.....\$4500.00
- #25 **LUGER 1937 S 42**-9 mm, World War II Nazi issue, blued small parts, perfect Walnut grips, E/63 proof mag which is correct but does not match, the gun has one faint scratch on the side plate, otherwise gun is 99%.....\$2150.00
- #47 **LUGER 1937 S/42** -9 mm, World War II Nazi issue, **scarce 1937 with strawed small parts which are very hard to find nowadays!** 97%+.....\$2250.00
- #529 **LUGER MAUSER PARABELLUM**-9 mm, 6 inch barrel, manufactured in the 1970s, new in the box with manual test target, extra mag. and all accessories.....\$1995.00
- #624 **MANHATTAN ENGRAVED PERCUSSION REVOLVER***-31 caliber, 5 inch octagon barrel, fully engraved frame with roll died cylinder scene, extremely nice gun with 90%+ blue on barrel, 95% case on lever, 20% blue on cylinder with sharp scene, frame is mostly silver, 99% varnish 99% on grip.....\$2250.00
- #305 **MAUSER BROOM HANDLE**-30 caliber, prewar commercial, a stunning gun!! 99%+ mint!.....\$3500.00
- #240 **MAUSER RED NINE BROOM HANDLE WITH MATCHING STOCK**-9 mm, with matching stock, cleaning rod and in 1918 dated leather harness. **This is the most stunning red nine rig you will ever see!** The gun is 99%+ blue, fire blue on small parts, with perfect grips. Stock is absolutely perfect with mint leather harness! Could never be upgraded!! If you want the best example in existence and don't mind paying for it, this is the gun for you!.....\$7500.00
- #670 **MAUSER BROOM HANDLE RARE LARGE RING**-30 caliber, rare milled panel, large ring hammer, black bakelite grips, **VL&D marked with matching stock and leather harness.** Rare and seldom seen! 98%.....\$6750.00
- #230 **MAUSER 20 SHOT BROOM HANDLE**-30 caliber, **20 shot built-in magazine!** This gun was made from a real Mauser broom handle by a machinist for someone who could not afford \$100,000 for an original. A cool gun! **This gun is pictured in a new book which is coming out shortly, on Mauser broom handles.** 90%.....**SUPER BLOWOUT SALE.....\$2800.00**
- #62 **NAMBU BABY**-7 mm, World War II Japanese officers issue, fantastic little gun! 99% with some very light scattered spotting.....\$5000.00
- #85 **NAMBU PAPA**-8mm, Japanese military issue, **low serial number#6XX**, excellent grips Japanese characters on left grip, Navy anchor 85%.....\$1895.00
- #54 **NAMBU TYPE 14**-8mm, World War II Japanese issue, small trigger guard, 9.11 date, 95%.....\$895.00
- #191 **NAMBU TYPE 14**-8mm, World War II Japanese issue, 19.5 date, gorgeous grips, mag does not match, but a gorgeous gun at 99%.....\$795.00
- #71 **NAMBU TYPE 94**-8mm, World War II Japanese issue, 19.7 date, matching mag., hard rubber grips. 99%.....\$5775.00
- #207 **PINFIRE REVOLVER**-7 mm, 4 inch octagon barrel, **high quality heavily engraved with silver inlaid's.** Marked "WIED.EK.HOLID, ZELLA DED : J. MULLER. GOTHA. DEC: 1880. On top of the frame and barrel, checkered Walnut grips, 85% bright high polished blue, an extremely nice example of the pinfire revolver!.....\$695.00
- #350 **RARE POWELL BROWN KNIFE PISTOL**-22 mag, (I have been told this is a prototype caliber, never put in regular production), 6 inch stainless steel, with factory scabbard, walnut grips. **For the man who has everything!** This is a very unique piece in new unfired condition!.....\$2500.00
- #334 **P 38 MOD HP**-9 mm, World War II Nazi issue, Eagle/N proofs 99%.....\$2750.00
- #303 **P 38 AC 40**-9 mm, early Nazi World War II issue, **a rare gun with two matching mags and mint 1940 dated hardshell holster**, gun is about 90%, **a rare find with two matching mags**.....\$4500.00
- #553 **P 38 BYF 44**-9 mm, World War II Nazi issue. 95%.....\$895.00
- #553 **P 38 AC 44 RIG**-9 mm, World War II Nazi issue, two-tone plum frame, comes with rare 1944 dated hardshell holster, and good condition and extra mag. 98%.....\$1275.00
- #554 **P 38 SVW 45 GRAY GHOST**-9 mm, World War II issue, phosphate finish with steel grips, star proof. **THIS IS A SCARCE GUN AND NOT ONE OF THE INTER-ARMS IMPORTS.** 99%+ mint!.....\$1150.00
- #460 **P38 E/L POLICE RIG**-9mm, World War II Nazi police issue, byf 44, scarce E/L Police proof, complete rig with excellent pebble grain 1944 dated holster and extra mag. gun is 99%+ mint! **AN OUTSTANDING RIG!**.....\$3250.00
- #711 **REMINGTON DOUBLE DERRINGER**- 41 rimfire, third issue marked "Remington arms - UMC company". Blue with fire blued small parts and screws, **new in the original box and still has some of the factory grease!** A rare box which Remington made up from cardboard used in there long gun boxes of the same time period! Box has standard Derringer label and is rarer than the gun itself! **Can't be upgraded! A truly rare find!**.....\$6500.00
- #707 **REMINGTON 1911 A1**-45 caliber, US military World War II issue, **scarce early DuLite finish**, FJA inspected, has some very light patina on grip straps, otherwise gun is 99%+ mint looks new!\$2800.00
- #130 **RUGER MARK ONE TARGET US MILITARY**-22 caliber, US military marked, Vietnam issue, 7 1/2 inch tapered barrel with adjustable rear sight, 99%+ mint!.....\$1150.00
- #366 **RARE SEMMERLING LM 4**-45 ACP, rare only 600 manufactured, low serial number 1XX, and new unfired with factory holster, extra mag, and factory clip-on mag pouch.....\$6000.00
- #227 **SAVAGE MODEL 1917**-32 caliber, **a fantastic gun in new condition which could never be upgraded!**.....\$695.00
- #7 **SMITH & WESSON NEW MODEL 3 RUSSIAN AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL POLICE VARIATION**-44 caliber, about 300 guns were in this contract and all were 7 inch barrels, this gun is 6 1/2 inch, nickel, **WITH FACTORY SHOULDER STOCK.** The gun is marked under the grip is what I assume means that is a factory re-nickel. The gun is 99% with a mint original shoulder stock!.....\$6850.00
- #169 **SMITH & WESSON MODEL THREE DOUBLE ACTION**-44 caliber, 4 inch barrel, blue, this is a scarce gun that the markings under the grip indicate that it was redone by Smith & Wesson in 1956, when they were still doing things right! An absolutely stunning gun with 99% blue and case colors, perfect bore and grips. The mechanics are perfect and this is a great gun to collect and also shoot.....\$3250.00
- #164 **SMITH & WESSON NEW DEPARTURE**-38 caliber, nickel, **super rare 2 inch barrel "bicycle pistol"**, fifth variation, 1940 manufactured. 99%+ mint! **A super rare find in this condition! SUPER BLOWOUT SALE**.....\$2400.00
- #181 **SMITH & WESSON MODEL 1917 REVOLVER**-45 caliber, World War I US military issue, late production with ordnance bomb. 95% with excellent grips and bore, **bargain priced at**.....\$1495.00
- #67 **SMITH & WESSON SCHOFIELD WELLS FARGO MARKED**-45 caliber, 4 1/2 inch barrel, **Wells Fargo contract from US military guns.** US marked with nice grips still have faint but visible cartouche, nice even gray/brown color.....\$3950.00
- #38 **SMITH & WESSON 44 DOUBLE ACTION FIRST MODEL**-44 Russian, 5 inch barrel, nickel with hard rubber grips. Very nice gun at 97% nickel, 95% blue and case colored, excellent grips and bore.....\$4500.00
- #45 **RARE SMITH & WESSON REGISTERED MAGNUM**-357 Magnum caliber, registration number, scarce 8 3/8 barrel, in nice original blue picture box, with light green guarantee card. Gun is 99% except for some light scratches on the side plate and the back strap is been touched up. **Still it's a great gun!**.....\$6750.00
- #359 **SMITH & WESSON VICTORY MODEL**-38 special, World War II US military issue.....\$795.00
- #108 **SMITH & WESSON VICTORY MODEL**-38 special, World War II US military issue, US property GHD marked on top strap 99% with a few light scattered nicks.....\$895.00
- #164 **SMITH & WESSON VICTORY MODEL**- 38 caliber, World War II US military issue, marked US property GHD on top of frame, Arsenal rework, 99% since being reworked.....\$695.00
- #163 **SMITH & WESSON VICTORY MODEL**-38 caliber, World War II US military issue, **early production gun which is unmarked which means that was most likely issue to the OSS.** 99%+ mint!.....\$1150.00
- #351 **SMITH & WESSON MODEL 17**-22 caliber, pinned barrel and countersunk, new in the original box with manual, cleaning kit, and other miscellaneous factory paperwork. These early pinned barrel Smith & Wesson new in the box guns are getting hard to find and rapidly going up in value!.....\$1650.00
- #213 **STAR MODEL 1858 DOUBLE ACTION REVOLVER**-44 caliber, **a super condition antique revolver which is unfired!** 80% bright blue, 90% case colors, excellent bore and grips that have some light handling marks. A super find in this condition!.....\$2750.00
- #531 **STYER MODEL 1907 WAFFENFABRIK STYER**-9 mm, World War I issue, unit marked, with **rare excellent original holster**, straps, and stripper clip. A fabulous gun! These guns are rarely found in high condition. 98%+.....\$2450.00
- #280 **WALTHER PPK**-32 caliber, World War II Nazi issue, **RZM marked**, 95%+ with excellent unwarping grips and bore.....\$2450.00
- #183 **WALTHER PPK**-32 caliber, E/C police and E/N proofs, late war finish, frame is turning that beautiful plum color that takes 50 years or more and greatly enhances the looks of the gun! Complete rig with a mint black 1944 Waa170 marked holster and extra mag, gun is 99%+!.....\$2695.00
- #40 **WALTHER PP**-32 caliber, scarce AC Mark slide which is matching, phosphate small parts E/N proofs, a complete rig with original mint holster and extra mag. **A fantastic gun that appears to be new in unissued condition!\$2200.00**
- #138 **WALTHER PP**-32 caliber, C./N. proofs, **rare early heavy hammer with extended barrel, figure extension mag 98%+!..... SUPER BLOWOUT SALE**.....\$1800.00
- #179 **WEBLEY MARK TWO WITH RARE 6" BARREL** - 455 caliber, unshaved cylinder, special order 6 inch barrel for the military, broad arrow proofed, Navy marked on back strap 98%.....\$2150.00
- #564 **WEBLEY MARK 6**-455 caliber, World War I British military issue, 1918 dated, broad arrow proofed, Arsenal rework 99%+ mint!.....\$1200.00
- #30 **WEBLEY & SCOTT MARK 1V**-38 caliber, 4 inch barrel, 99%.....\$650.00
- MODERN FIREARMS**
- #105 **NORTH AMERICAN ARMS MINI REVOLVER**-22 Magnum, 15/8" barrel, six shot, stainless steel, wood grips. New unfired with box and papers.....\$215.00
- BARGAIN-BASEMENT FIREARMS AND ACCESSORIES!!!!**
- #113 **BASTELLI 1922 REVOLVER**-11 mm, Arsenal rework, 99%.....\$365.00
- #209 **BRITISH BULLDOG REVOLVER**-32 caliber, nickel plated and factory engraved with bone grips, folding trigger 98%*.....\$475.00
- #652 **COLT SINGLE ACTION ARMY FIRST GENERATION**-32/20 caliber, 4 3/4 inch barrel, 1904 production. 20% blue, case is turned silver, nice even wear makes this an attractive gun.....\$1875.00
- #102 **H&R PREMIER REVOLVER**-32 S&W short, nickel, 3 inch barrel. Right hand grip has chip broken out on bottom corner of grip 90% finish other than grip.....\$135.00
- #309 **JAPANESE TYPE 22 RIFLE**-8mm, **super rare!** One of the first Japanese bolt action military rifles, second model. Metal is 95%, wood is excellent with numerous handling marks*.....**SUPER BLOWOUT SALE.....\$2250.00**
- #103 **LUGER 1921 POLICE**-9 mm, Police sear safety, unusual **Waffen proofed sear bar**, 95%.....\$1450.00
- #561 **UBERTI COLT LIGHTNING REPLICA STOEGER MARKED**-45 LC caliber, 24 inch octagon barrel, beautiful cherry colored wood with a high polished blue that rivals the original guns, superb workmanship! 99%+ mint!.....\$1195.00
- #128 **SMITH & WESSON NEW DEPARTURE**-32 caliber, nickel, 3 1/2 inch barrel with original box. 97%.....\$495.00
- #3 **H&R YOUNG AMERICAN DOUBLE ACTION**-32 caliber, 2 inch octagon barrel, nickel, 95% bright shiny nickel, 98% blue, excellent grips and bore.....\$225.00

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#1 **JP SAUER 38H POLICE HOLSTER** -black with white stitching, 1942 dated and police marked. Excellent++\$175.00

#2 **WORLD WAR II LUGER CONVERSION UNIT**-22 caliber, manufactured by Irma and original wooden box. All matching, mint condition!.....\$1250.00

#3 **LATE WAR LUGER POLICE HOLSTER**-this has to be one of the very rarest Luger holsters I have ever seen! Manufactured from paper in the late war, black white stitching, waffenamps and dated, fantastic find or any advanced World War II Luger collection!!.....\$1850.00

#4 **GERMAN ZF41 SNIPER SCOPE**-World War II issue, unnumbered mount, comes complete with rain shield, very rare in Africa Corps scope can with lens cleaner, and belt strap. Exc. +!.....\$2500.00

#5 **JAPANESE WORLD WAR II GRENADE LAUNCHER**-type II launcher, blued, excellent condition..... **ONE JUST AT RIA FOR.....\$3500**.....\$1495.00

#6 **1941 JOHNSON BAYONET**-bayonet is mint, scabbard is excellent.....\$600.00

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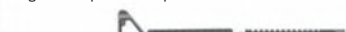
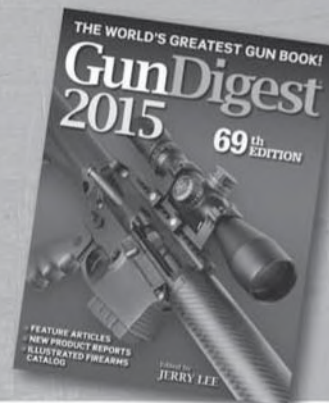


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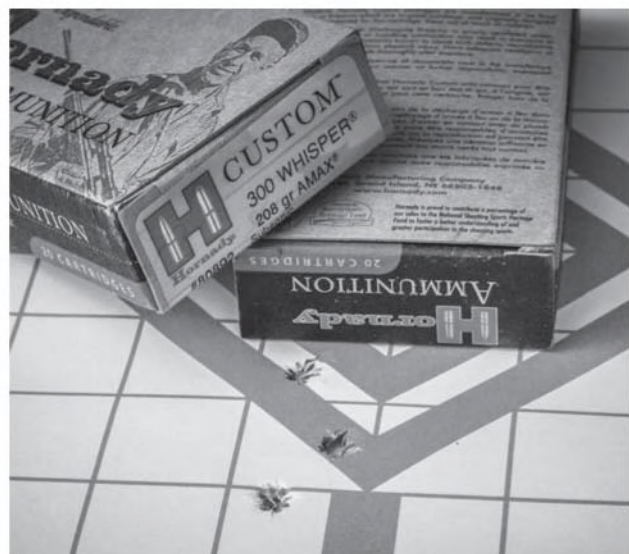
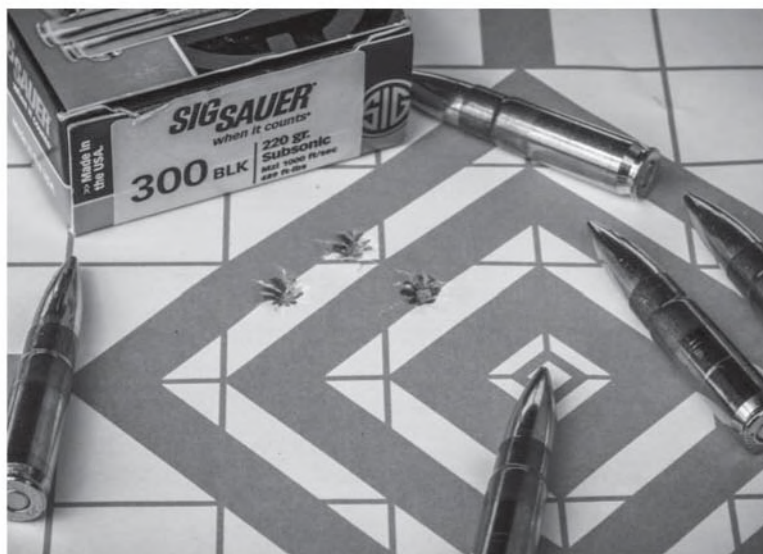
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body armor or modular gear. The rifle comes without sights but has an optic-ready top-rail upper. Also included is a BRO charging handle and forward assist.

Range Tested

The rifle was tested using five different loads. Accuracy testing was conducted at 100 yards from a bench and measured on five different three-shot groups for each load. Velocity was measured using a Competition Electronics ProChrono chronograph from Brownells. Short-range target work was performed with Trijicon's small but mighty RMR, while the accuracy portion utilized Steiner's M5Xi 3-15x50mm Military optic.

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AR MAINTENANCE

Keep your AR in top form
with these simple steps.

RICHARD MANN

The AR is not a self-cleaning instrument. In fact, if your AR is an impingement-driven rather than gas-piston operated gun, then it kind of craps where it eats, dumping hot gas and carbon deposits into the action. As bad as that sounds, it's not all that terrible of a thing. The AR is a very durable weapon system that can still run reliably even if it is very dirty—but that doesn't mean it should be neglected.

The first maintenance question a new AR owner will probably have is how often or when they should clean their AR. This is indeed a good question, but the answer isn't all that simple. For example, I have several ARs and I shoot them regularly. Now, while "regular" is a descriptive term, it is not definitive. Regular to me is at least once per month. Regular for a Gunsite instructor might be once or twice per week.

If you were in the military like me, you cleaned your firearm or weapon system at the end of every range session. The resulting assumption by all the soldiers was that you clean a weapon after it has been fired, *every time*. I submit that this assumption is incorrect. In the military, the cleaning of your weapon after every firing event was primarily a training exercise. It was done so that you would learn how to clean it and learn that you should care for it.

A well-built and cared for AR should run through at least 500 rounds of ammunition without any issues and no maintenance at all, even in harsh conditions. So, let's say you go to the range today and fire 100 rounds and return home. You're planning on going back to the range tomorrow. Do you need to clean your AR? No. Is it okay to clean your AR? Sure.

What if you're not planning to return to the range until next weekend? Cleaning still isn't mandatory. Modern ammunition is non-corrosive. Still, if you live in a location where there is high humidity or you were shooting in wet or very dirty conditions, it is a good idea to at least field strip and wipe down your AR. Sure, your upper and lower receivers are aluminum and will not

rust. However, many of the parts inside the AR are steel.

Let's say you're attending a shooting course where you might be shooting as many as 250 rounds per day over the period of a week. That's more than 1,000 rounds! Your AR might make it through all 1,000 rounds without ever seeing a rag or lubrication, but you are there to learn, and you cannot learn with a gun that will not go "bang," so the sensible approach would be to perform some maintenance throughout the week.

Now, let's assume you have purchased a new optical sight for your AR and you head to the range to sight it in. You fire about 10 shots to establish zero, and then fire the rest of the 20-round box of ammunition for verification. When you leave the range, you have no plans to return. You may shoot again in a week at a local match or you may wait as long as a few months until hunting season. You've only fired 20 rounds, so, from a functioning standpoint, your rifle does not need to be cleaned, but it doesn't mean it's not a good idea to perform at least some preventive maintenance.

One maintenance area that gets a lot of attention is the barrel. There are many different opinions on when and how often a barrel should be cleaned. There are also lots of different barrels; no two are the same. One barrel may start to show degradation in accuracy, due to copper and carbon fouling, after as few as 30 or 40 rounds have been fired. Others may fire hundreds if not thousands of rounds before accuracy suffers. Every AR will be different, and you will have to discover the particulars of yours on your own.

Here's the thing, the AR was designed to be a volume-fire weapon. It's your job to keep it running, to make sure it is free of corrosion, and to ensure all the parts are in working order. There are no set rules, when it comes to cleaning an AR, but let's establish some different levels of service for your AR and then look in detail at each one. You can use the chart below as a guide as to when to perform these different levels of maintenance.



| SITUATION | MAINTENANCE |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| BEFORE SHOOTING | Pre-Fire Inspection |
| AFTER SHOOTING | Post-Fire Inspection |
| AFTER 100 ROUNDS | Range Expedient Cleaning |
| AFTER 300 ROUNDS | Detail Cleaning |
| AFTER 500 ROUNDS | Complete Service |

Disassembly

Before you can reliably inspect, clean or service an AR, you must know how to take it apart and reassemble it. The AR is easy to disassemble and put back together; it was made that way, so soldiers could perform these actions in battlefield conditions without the use of any tools (well, at least without tools or implements they did not commonly carry). The following is a step by step guide to the disassembly and reassembly of an AR at the operator level (i.e., not a gunsmithing level).

1. Unload and clear.
2. Release the bolt by depressing the bolt lock/release.
3. Push the rear action pin from left to right.
4. Tilt the upper receiver away from the lower receiver to about a 30- to 40-degree angle.
5. Pull the charging handle about two inches to the rear.
6. Grasp the bolt carrier and remove it from the upper receiver.
7. Remove the charging handle from the upper receiver.
8. Push the front action pin from the left to the right.
9. Separate the upper receiver from the lower receiver.
10. Remove the firing pin retaining key from the bolt carrier.
11. Remove the firing pin from the bolt. It should fall free, when the bolt is held vertically.
12. Rotate the bolt cam pin 90 degrees and pull it from the bolt carrier.
13. Remove the bolt from the bolt carrier.
14. Remove the extractor retaining pin and extractor.
15. Depress the buffer retainer and remove the buffer and buffer spring.
16. Depressing the delta ring and separating the handguard halves from around the barrel can remove military-style handguards from an AR. It is a good idea to do this to check the condition of the gas system. However, military-style handguards are no longer that popular or common, and the more modern, free-floating handguards do not lend themselves to easy removal. If your AR has a more modern handguard, consult the manufacturer's instructions for removal.

Assembly

1. Install the handguards.
2. Install the buffer and buffer spring.
3. Install extractor.
4. Install the bolt into bolt carrier, making sure the extractor is positioned to the right side.
5. Insert the bolt cam pin, so that it is aligned long-ways with the bolt carrier.
6. Insert the firing pin.
7. Insert the firing pin retaining key.
8. Holding the bolt carrier in your hand, the bolt head facing away from you, flip your wrist. This will allow the bolt to slip forward in the bolt carrier and will verify the bolt assembly is together correctly.
9. Install the front action pin, reattaching the upper receiver to the lower receiver.
10. Partially insert the charging handle into the upper receiver.
11. Insert the bolt into the upper receiver and push the bolt and charging handle fully forward.
12. Close the action and push the action pins back in place from right to left.

Now that you know how to take your AR-15 apart and put it back together, you also, then, have the ability to perform each level of maintenance. It is also now time to conduct a function check, to make sure the AR is operational.

Function Check

1. Unload and clear.
2. Place the safety selector switch to safe.
3. Depress the bolt lock/release, which will allow the bolt to go forward.
4. Pull the trigger. It should not release the hammer and you should not hear a click.
5. Place the selector switch to the fire position.
6. Pull the trigger and hold it to the rear. The hammer should be released and you should hear a click.
7. While holding the trigger to the rear, pull the charging handle all the way to the rear and release it.
8. Release the trigger and pull it again. The hammer should release and you should hear a click.
9. Insert an empty magazine into the magazine well.
10. Pull on the magazine, to ensure it is locked in place.
11. Pull the charging handle to the rear and release it. The bolt should lock in place.
12. Push the charging handle forward until it locks into place.
13. Depress the magazine release. The magazine should drop free of the AR.

Pre-Fire Inspection

A pre-fire inspection should be performed prior to every day's range session and even periodically, as time permits, throughout a range session. This could be considered similar to a pre-flight inspection performed by a pilot. Once familiar with your AR, this check should not take more than about 60 seconds.

1. Unload and clear.
2. Check that both action pins are fully inserted.
3. Check the pistol grip and stock to ensure they are secure.

4. Check the handguard to see that it is secure.
5. Check your sights and/or scope rings for tightness.
6. Perform a function check.

Post-Fire Inspection

Just as with a pre-fire inspection, perform a post-fire inspection after every range session, as well as throughout a range session as time permits. A post-fire inspection done properly will take about two minutes. You can periodically check various elements of the post-fire inspection individually during breaks in shooting. In other words, you can perform mini post-fire inspections throughout your range session, but always perform a complete post-fire check when the shooting for the day is complete.

1. Unload and clear.
2. Check that both action pins are fully inserted.
3. Check the pistol grip and stock to ensure they are secure.
4. Check the handguard to see that it is secure.
5. Ensure trigger pins are flush with the sides of the lower receiver.
6. Check your sights and/or scope rings for tightness.
7. Remove the bolt to determine how dirty and fouled the parts are.
8. Ensure the bolt will move back and forth inside the bolt carrier, by flipping your wrist.
9. Ensure the carrier key on the top of the bolt is not loose.
10. Install the bolt and perform a function test.

Field-Expedient Cleaning

A field-expedient cleaning is one performed on the range or the battlefield during breaks in the action. Look at it as washing your hands. Throughout the day, you will wash your hands periodically to remove germs or when they get dirty. Depending on the task at hand, your hands may get very dirty before you wash them, while at other times not so much. You should also perform a field-expedient cleaning as soon as practically possible after you have experienced a stoppage of any type. A post-fire inspection is always a part of a field-expedient cleaning, and it should be performed before and after the cleaning.

1. Unload and clear.
2. Remove the bolt.
3. Disassemble the bolt.
4. Clean and inspect all parts of the bolt.
5. Check the gas rings on the rear of the bolt to ensure they are in place and that the ends of the rings are not aligned in the same spot.
6. Wipe down the internals of the upper receiver.
7. Lube the bolt.
8. Reassemble.
9. Perform a function check.

Detail Cleaning

Detail cleanings should be performed after any high-volume fire and before any period of long storage. You should also perform a detail cleaning when your AR has been exposed to lots of moisture, dirt or dust. A barrel cleaning should, in most cases, be a part of a detailed cleaning, as should a post-fire inspection.

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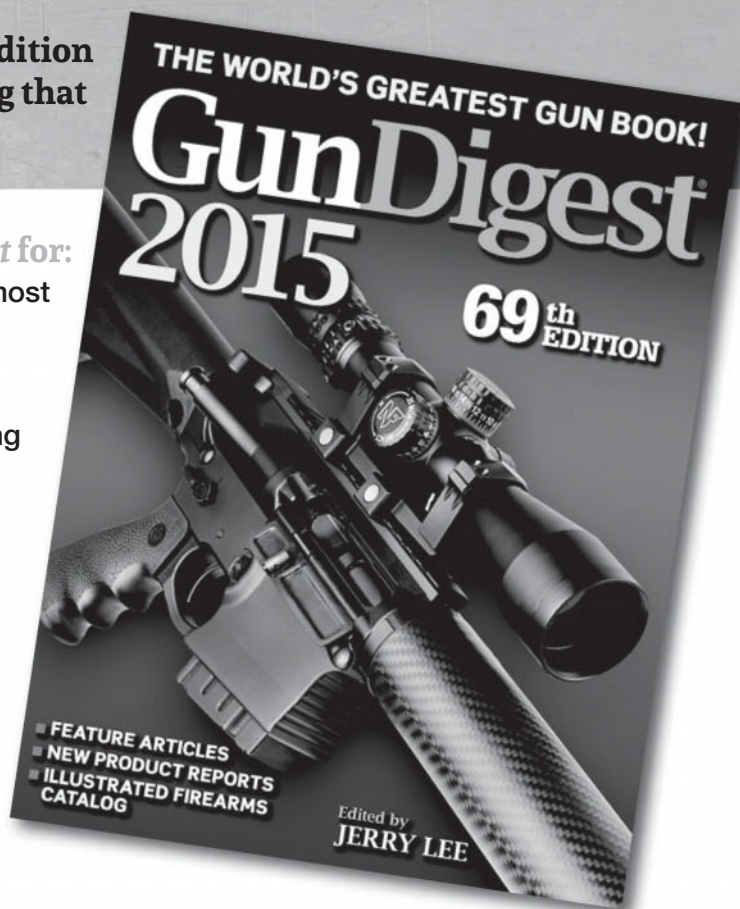
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LEFT: In addition to the steps involved during a pre-fire check, during a post-fire check, you should also inspect the bolt for cleanliness and serviceability. **RIGHT:** Anytime you have the bolt separated from the bolt carrier, check the presence, position and cleanliness of the gas rings on the bolt.

1. Unload and clear.
2. Disassemble the AR.
3. Remove all fouling, dirt, grit, and moisture from all parts.
4. Visually inspect the following parts:
 - a. Make sure the hammer and trigger pins are flush with the outside of the lower receiver.
 - b. Check that the carrier key is not loose.
 - c. Inspect the gas rings.
 - d. Inspect extractor.
 - e. Check the fit and function of the safety selector switch.
 - f. Check that the barrel is tight with the upper receiver.
 - g. Check to see that the stock and pistol grip are secure.
 - h. Examine the magazine release and bolt lock/release for damage or wear.
 - i. Check the tightness of all scope mounts, sights, and accessories.
5. Clean the barrel.
6. Lube as needed.
7. Reassemble.
8. Perform a function check.

Complete Service

At a minimum, perform a complete service of your AR once per year, regardless how often it has been fired. During a complete service, you will perform a detailed cleaning, and you will also be looking for problems with your AR such as over-stressed springs and cracked or broken parts.

A complete service of an AR is nothing more than a detailed cleaning with the following additional checks:

1. Check the buffer spring for proper length. For rifles, it should be between 11¾ and 13½ inches long. For carbines, it should be between 10⅛ and 11¼ inches long. If the spring is outside of these tolerances, replace it.
2. Check all springs for breaks or deformations.

3. Check the torque on the gas key screws on the top of the bolt carrier. They should be between 35 and 40 pounds.

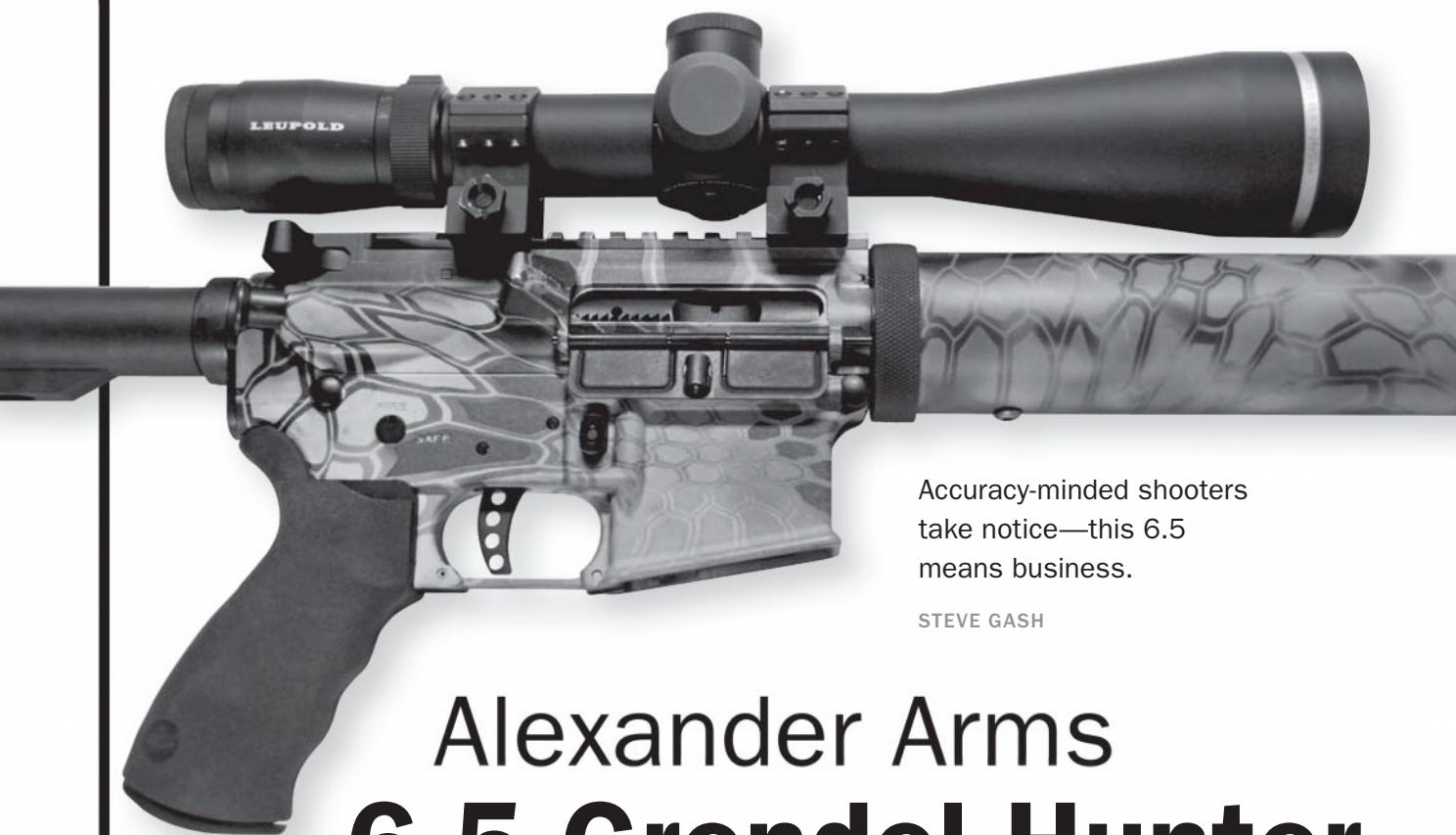
If you are one of those folks who like to do paperwork, you can use a Bushmaster Rifle Inspection Form and the AR Service Record to keep track of and make notes on your cleaning and service activities.

Notes on Cleaning & Lubrication

Knowing how to clean and lubricate your AR-15 is just as, if not more, important than knowing when it should be done. Many AR shooters make the mistake of thinking that, since the AR is a mechanical device, it needs to be heavily lubricated. This is not the case. In fact, an AR with too much lube can collect dust, dirt and grit, causing it to eventually stop running. Of more danger, too much lube, particularly in the area of the barrel and chamber, can create over-pressure situations that can result in damage to the gun and shooter.

There are lots and lots of cleaning products on the market. There are even cleaning kits specifically designed for the AR. You can purchase one of these kits or you can buy the items you need separately. Here's a list of all of the tools and cleaning supplies you will need.

1. One-piece, caliber-specific rod to clean the barrel.
2. Caliber-specific wire brushes for cleaning rod.
3. Caliber-specific patch attachment for cleaning rod.
4. Caliber-specific patches for barrel cleaning.
5. Cotton rags.
6. Q-tips or similar cleaning swabs.
7. Cartridge-specific chamber brush.
8. .50-caliber chamber brush.
9. Wire toothbrush.
10. Carbon solvent.
11. Copper solvent.
12. Lubrication. **GDTM**



Accuracy-minded shooters take notice—this 6.5 means business.

STEVE GASH

Alexander Arms 6.5 Grendel Hunter

The 6.5 Grendel is one of the more purposefully designed accuracy cartridges to ever come down the pike. So when an equally unique rifle for it comes along, accuracy-minded shooters sit up and take notice. New for 2014 is the “Grendel Hunter” from Alexander Arms, an AR with attitude and the results to back it up.

The 6.5 Grendel cartridge itself is equally impressive. Its goals were simple yet heretofore elusive in all but a few contemporary rounds, i.e., the .22 and 6PPC and similar wildcats. In fact, the 6.5 Grendel can trace its lineage to some of these outstanding cartridges. It was designed from the ground up to provide the optimum combination of power, efficiency and accuracy in America’s “modern sporting ri-

fle” – the AR-15. To this end, it has succeeded remarkably.

While the Grendel has been used successfully for hunting a large variety of medium-sized big game and varmints, there was no specific hunting model until now, with the release of the Grendel Hunter model from Alexander Arms (www.alexanderarms.com). The company is headed up by the inimitable Bill Alexander, and is located at the

U.S. Army Arsenal in Radford, Va. Bill Alexander is a multitasking engineer who had worked for the British Ministry of Defense.

I caught up with him at a recent industry gig, and talked with him at length about the trials and tribulations that led to the 6.5mm Grendel Hunter. I love talking to Bill because you can’t help but learn a bunch of neat, new information. Bill is one of those people who’s so smart it’s scary. As he expounds on firearm design, ballistics and especially the 6.5 Grendel, you can almost hear the wheels whirling in his head at 100 miles an hour, and his enthusiasm and passion are infectious.

When the Cold War ended, Bill

said he “turned his attention to ARs. They are great rifles.” But he added that he wanted to “make the AR a little more versatile.” He saw the need for a flat-shooting, hard-hitting cartridge that would broaden the horizon of the AR rifle, and the Grendel was the result. Bill told me, “I designed the 6.5 Grendel specifically as a hunting cartridge.”

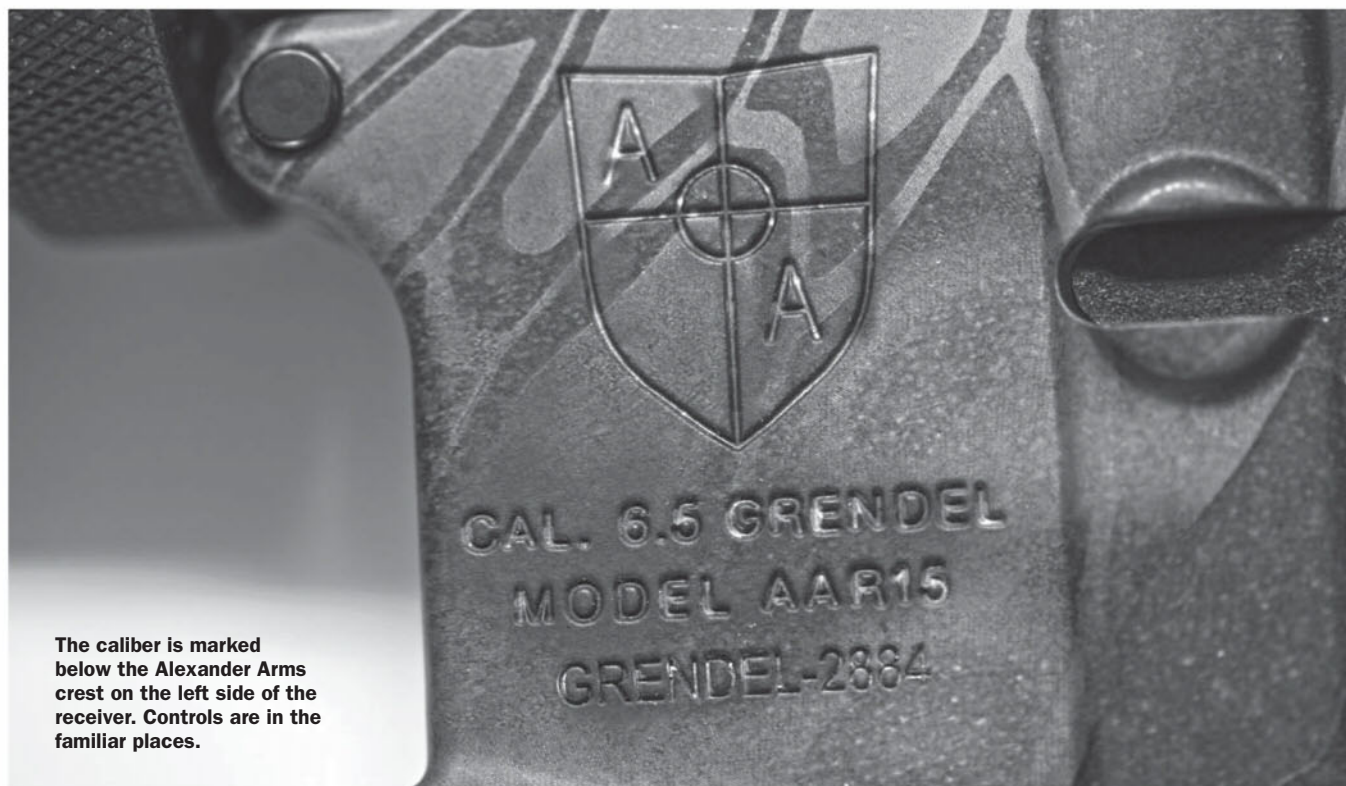
Alexander Arms ARs have always been made with the care and precision that result in high-quality guns. There isn’t much really all that new in the Grendel Hunter except for the finish and, of course, the 6.5 Grendel chambering. Alexander Arms has offered various versions of its ARs chambered for the Grendel since its introduction at the 2004 SHOT Show, and this is the latest iteration.

The fluted 18-inch, stainless steel barrel is matte black, and has six grooves with a right-hand twist of one turn in 8 inches – steep enough for the heaviest bullets that can realistically be launched out of the modest-sized Grendel case. Although the rifle does not come equipped with a muzzle brake or flash hider, the muzzle has $\frac{1}{16}$ -24 threads so that accessories can be added, if desired, and a thread protector comes as standard.

The handle is a comfortable Ergo Grip, and the collapsible B5 stock allows length-of-pull adjustment from 12½ to 14½ inches, handy when shooting from awkward positions, in heavy winter clothing or at steep angles from a coyote set.

The single-stage trigger is Alexander Arm’s Tactical style with skeletonized hammer and disconnector. Pull weight on my test rifle was 5 pounds, 6 ounces. Alexander Arms says it’s “glass rod” crisp, and they aren’t kidding. The flat-top receiver is festooned with plenty of M-1913 Picatinny rail slots for the attachment of optics or a rear sight.





The caliber is marked below the Alexander Arms crest on the left side of the receiver. Controls are in the familiar places.

Provision for a front sight is a MK10 Plus rail section atop the 12½-inch cylindrical, free-floated handguard, and three additional attachment points are spaced around the front of the handguard at 90-degree intervals.

Without sights, the new model weighs in at a comfortable 6 pounds, 9 ounces; with the addition of a relatively lightweight scope, it would easily come in at under 8 pounds. The fat, 34mm Leupold VX-6 4-24x52mm scope I used for testing brought the weight to a little under 9 pounds. Admittedly, this superlative scope was a bit of overkill, but it is certainly high on the “wow” factor.

Probably the coolest feature of this new AR is the finish. It is a camo pattern called Kryptek Highlander, and is very attractive and would look right at home in the field.

For my money, though, the *pièce de résistance* of this outfit is the 6.5 Grendel cartridge itself. This was no haphazard development, and its circuitous history illustrates the amount

of thought and experimentation that went into its design. It took many years, but the result is well worth it. Here’s a brief chronology.

In 1943, the Russian 7.62x39 was developed for their military. Never content, in the late 1950s, the Russians necked down that round to hold a 5.67mm (.223 inch) bullet for deer hunting, and they called it the .220 Russian.

In 1975, Dr. Louis Palmisano and gunsmith Ferris Pendell developed a .22 caliber target round based on the .220 Russian, and called it the .22 PPC (Pendell Palmisano Cartridge). It went on to achieve phenomenal success in the benchrest game.

In 1984, Dr. Palmisano and noted ballistician Bill Davis developed the 6.5 PPC cartridge, also based on the .220 Russian case. This was for use in bolt-action guns by the U.S. Shooting Team in the 1986 World Championships. While the performance of the new round was fine, the team stuck with the 6mm cartridge they were al-

ready using at the time.

The 6 PPC, a necked-up version of the .22 PPC, came along in 1988 and has rightfully earned the reputation of “the most accurate cartridge in the world.” Also in 1988, a noted competition shooter, Arne Brennan, started experimenting with the 6.5 PPC, and in 2000, discussed his results with Dr. Palmisano. Brennan has written extensively and authoritatively on the Grendel.

About this time, Bill Alexander became interested in the cartridge. This wasn’t his first rodeo, as he had designed several unique cartridges, and the 6.5 Grendel was merely his latest brainchild.

When Bill turned his attention to ARs, he tweaked the case of a cartridge of known accuracy, the 6PPC or 6mm PPC. He necked it up 6.5mm, shortened the neck a bit and moved the shoulder forward. This increased the powder capacity just enough to increase hunting-weight bullet velocity and downrange punch. Bill also

thickened the neck to increase case life in the rough and tumble world of the semiauto rifle. The contributions of Lapua engineer Janne Pohjoispää around 2003 were significant here, too. The end result was the introduction at the 2004 SHOT Show of the 6.5 Grendel cartridge and rifles to shoot it.

It is interesting to note that the name “Grendel” was initially a trademarked cartridge, which precluded it from being produced by any other company, and significantly, from being considered by the Sporting Arms and Ammunition Manufacturers’ Institute (S.A.A.M.I.) for approval as a factory round. In 2010, Hornady obtained a licensing agreement with Alexander Arms, and began making ammunition and reloading dies. Alexander Arms subsequently released its trademark and Hornady submitted the round to S.A.A.M.I., also in 2010. Final approval was granted June 12, 2012, and the Grendel was off and running. Maximum Average Pressure (MAP) was set at 52K psi; now any company could make Grendel products.

The name Grendel is from the epic Anglo-Saxon poem Beowulf (circa 700-1000 A.D.). As the story goes, the mythical monster Grendel had been ravaging the mead-hall of Herot, killing and eating anyone he finds there. The vicious Grendel is feared by all, except Beowulf, who is not about to take any grief from Grendel and sets out to destroy him. Finally, Beowulf succeeds in killing Grendel by ripping his arm off. After also killing Grendel’s mother, Beowulf finds Grendel’s corpse and removes his head as a trophy. (Whether or not the head was mounted is not known.) It is perhaps only logical that one of Bill’s other cartridges is the ponderous .50 Beowulf.

While metric calibers have never been very popular in the States, the 6.5mm caliber has had an enviable reputation as a game getter for years. The high sectional densities and modest velocities of the long-for-caliber bullets from most 6.5mm rounds re-

sult in deep penetration and reliable expansion, without bullet blow-up.

Hunting history is rife with the tales of derring-do with 6.5mm cartridges. W.D.M. Bell whacked many elephants and Werner von Alvensleben slew hundreds of buffalo with what they termed a “small-bore rifle,” namely, the 6.5x54 Mannlicher-Schönauer. African hunter John Taylor noted in his 1948 tome *African Rifles and Cartridges* that the 160-grain 6.5mm bullet had about the best diameter-to-weight ratio of any game bullet, although Taylor wasn’t a big fan of the 6.5 on larger African game. Today, the 6.5mm is well represented in the cartridge lineup, with the 6.5 Creedmoor, .260 Remington, 6.5-284 Norma, .264 Win-

chester Magnum and the brand new .26 Nosler, to name a few.

Factory ammo for the Grendel is relatively plentiful these days. Hornady offers two loads with 123-grain bullets, the A-MAX and SST. I was unable to locate the A-MAX load, but I shot the SST version. It is cataloged at 2,620 fps, clocked 2,429 fps out of the AR’s 18-inch barrel and accuracy averaged a delightful .68 MOA. Hornady’s ballistic wizard, Dave Emary, told me that this SST is designed for small- to mid-sized big game. With the addition of the Alexander Arms Grendel Hunter rifle, more hunters can take to the field with what the optimum combination of power, portability, ballistic efficiency and pinpoint accuracy. **GDTM**



GRENDL HUNTER AR15

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| TYPE | Direct gas impingement semiautomatic AR-15 |
| CALIBER | 6.5 Grendel |
| CAPACITY | One 10-round magazine supplied, four- and 26-round magazines available |
| BARREL | 18-inch fluted stainless steel, six-grooves, 8-inch twist; muzzle threaded 9/16-24, thread protector provided |
| OVERALL LENGTH | 36¾ inches |
| WEIGHT | 6 pounds, 9 ounces (with empty 10-round magazine); 8 pounds, 10½ ounces (with scope and mount, as tested) |
| TRIGGER | Blade-type Tactical single-stage trigger, weight of pull 5 pounds, 6 ounces, skeletonized trigger, hammer and disconnecter |
| SIGHTS | None. Flattop receiver standard scope/optic mounts. Leupold VX-6 4-24x52 CDS 34mm scope with T-MOA Reticle (as tested) |
| SCOPE MOUNT | Talley Tactical 34mm Black Armor Rings (as tested) |
| FINISH | Matte black finish on barrel, Kryptek Highlander camo pattern on upper, lower and stock, black Ergo Grip |
| HANDGUARD | Free-floated 12.5-inch, one MK10 Plus Rail section, four attachment points for additional rails |
| STOCK | Adjustable for length of pull (12½ to 14½ inches) |
| MSRP | TBD |
| WEBSITE | alexanderarms.com |

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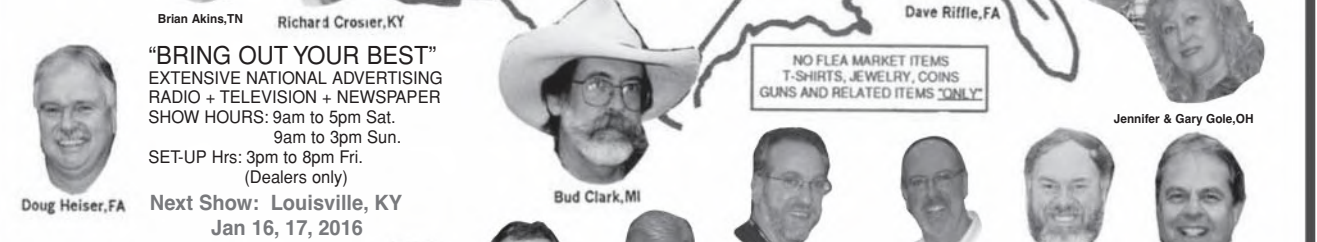
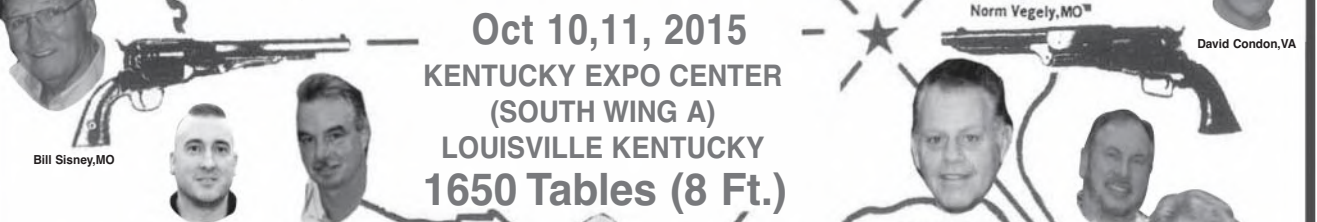
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Jul 11-12 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf, NW Loop 410 & Marbach. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. SP: Saxet Gun Shows. F: \$70., PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX, 78465. PH: 361-289-2256 or www.saxetshows.com.

Jul 11-12 TX, Woodlands. Premier Gun Shows. Legends Sports Complex, 602 Pruitt Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$8 cash only. F: \$70., PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX, 76162. PH: 817-732-1194 or info@premiergunshows.com or www.premiergunshows.com.

Jul 17-Jan 18 TX, Tyler. Gun & Knife Show. Harvey Hall. 2000 W. Front St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$7. T: 325. F: \$70. Lone Star Gun Shows, 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX, 75150. PH: 214-635-2009 or www.lonestargunshows.com.

Jul 17-19 WY, Laramie. Gun Show. Albany City. Fairgrounds. SH: Fri. 3pm-7pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. F: \$50. in adv 2 wks before the show, \$55. thereafter. Wyoming Sportsmans Gun Shows, 4389 N 3rd St, Laramie, WY, 82072. PH: 307-742-5943 or PH: 307-760-1841.

Jul 18-19 AL, Robertsdale. Gun & Knife Show. Baldwin Co. Fairgrounds, 19477 Fairgrounds Rd. (10 min. S. of I-10 on US Hwy. 59). SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: Collectors & Shooters Club LLC. T: 200. F: \$55. CASC, PO Box 241282, Montgomery, AL, 36124. Allen Daniels, PH: 334-546-0267 or Ryan Wells, PH: 334-322-8818 or cascishows@aol.com.

Jul 18-19 AZ, Phoenix. Gun Show. State Fairgrounds. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$110-8' tables, \$120-wall tables, \$350-10x10 booth. Crossroads of the West Gun Shows, PO Box 290, Kaysville, UT, 84037. PH: 801-544-9125 or www.crossroadsgunshows.com.

Jul 18-19 FL, Melbourne. Gun Show. Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$5, under 12 free. F: \$80. Sport Show Specialists, PO Box 361543, Melbourne, FL, 32936. PH: 321-777-7455 or www.flgunshows.com.

Jul 18-19 FL, Palmetto. Gun Show. Manatee Civic Ctr., 1 Haben Blvd. Suncoast Gun Shows, PO Box 372, Twinsburg, OH, 44087. PH: 330-963-6964 or www.suncoastgunshows.com.

Jul 18-19 KS, Wichita. Gun & Knife Show. Century II Convention Ctr. T: 550. F: \$56. in advance, \$66. ea day of show. US Weapons Collectors Inc., PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-8310 or PH: 563-927-2234 or www.rkshows.com.

Jul 18-19 KY, Louisville. Kenny Woods Gun Shows. Ky Fair & Expo Center, 937 Phillips Ln. T: 500. F: \$75. in advance, \$85. day of show. Kenny Woods Gun & Knife Show LLC, PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-2233 or www.rkshows.com.

Jul 18-19 MD, West Friendship. Gun Show. Howard City. Fairgrounds, I-70, Exit 80. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$9. F: \$70, with electricity \$20 additional. Silverado Promotions, Box 370, Buckeystown, MD, 21717. PH: 301-874-5012 or www.silveradogunshow.com.

Jul 18-19 MN, Brooklyn Park. Gun & Knife Show & Military Collectibles. Armory, 5500 85th Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. Crocodile Prods. Inc., 12781 Able St. NE, Blaine, MN, 55434. PH: 763-754-7140 or crocodile1@comcast.net or www.crocodileproductionsinc.com.

Jul 18-19 MO, Joplin. Gun & Knife Show. Joplin Convention & Trade Center, 3615 Rangeline Rd. Formerly Holiday Inn. T: 300. F: \$56. in advance, \$66. day of show. R.K. Shows Inc., PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-2233 or www.rkshows.com.

Jul 18-19 OH, Dayton. Gun & Knife Show. Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., I-75, Exit 58. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$60., PO Box 5, Mt. Washington, KY, 40047. PH: 502-538-6900 or www.gunshow.net.

Jul 18-19 OK, Oklahoma City. Gun Show. Fairgrounds, 3001 Pershing Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. T: 500. F: \$40. Metcalf Gun Show, PO Box 2045, Owasso, OK, 74055. Metcalf Gun Show, PH: 918-272-1119 or www.metcalfgunshows.com.

Jul 18-19 TN, Jackson. Gun & Knife Show. Fairgrounds, 800 S. Highland Ave. 45 Bypass South. T: 350. F: \$56. in advance, \$66. day of show. R.K. Shows, PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-2233 or www.rkshows.com.

Jul 18-19 TX, Longview. Gun & Knife Show. Maude Cobb Activity Ctr., 100 Grand Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$75. Classic Arms Productions, PO Box 654, Mandeville, LA, 70470. PH: 985-624-8577 or info@capgunshows.com or www.capgunshows.com.

Jul 18-19 TX, Pasadena. Premier Gun Shows. Convention Ctr., 7902 Fairmont Pkwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$8 cash only. F: \$70., PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX, 76162. PH: 817-732-1194 or info@premiergunshows.com or www.premiergunshows.com.

Jul 18-19 VA, Hampton. Gun Show. Conv. Ctr., Exit 263-B off I-64, 1610 Coliseum Dr. off Mercury Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd. A: \$10. F: \$70., PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA, 23703. PH: 757-483-5385 or www.guns-knives.com.

Jul 19-20 IN, Greencfield. Gun & Knife Show. Hancock City. Fairgrounds, 620 N. Apple St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. under 12 free w/adult. F: \$40. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. Dan, PH: 765-993-8942 or PH: 765-855-

3836 or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

Jul 24-26 MT, Wisdom. Gun Show. Community Hall. SP: Weapon Collectors Society of MT. T: 70. Van Stallman, PH: 406-832-3238.

Jul 24-26 VA, Chantilly. The Nation's Gun Show. Dulles Expo Ctr., 4368 Chantilly Ctr., I-66, Exit 53. SH: Fri. 3pm-8pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. SP: C&E Gun Shows & Showmasters. A: \$13, 3-day pass \$20, \$7 ages 12-17. F: \$115. aisle, \$120. wall., 4225 Fortress Dr., Blacksburg, VA, 24060. PH: 540-951-1344 or PH: 540-953-0016 or PH: 888-715-0606 or www.showmasters.us or www.cegungshows.com.

Jul 25-26 AR, Hot Springs. South Hot Springs Lions Club Gun & Knife Show. Civic Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$7. F: \$45 aisle, \$50 wall. South Hot Springs Lions Club, PO Box 2825, Hot Springs, AR, 71914. PH: 501-767-2855 or shslclub@aol.com or www.hslionsgunshow.com.

Jul 25-26 KY, Somerset. Gun & Knife Show. The Center, 2292 S. Hwy. 27. T: 300. F: \$51. in advance, \$61. day of show. Kenny Woods Gun Shows, PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-2233.

Jul 25-26 MI, Novi. Gun & Knife Show. Suburban Collection Showplace. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. F: \$45. Sport Shows Promos., PO Box 404, Mason, MI, 48854. PH: 517-676-4160 or sportshows@gmail.com or www.migunshows.com.

Jul 25-26 NV, Reno. Gun Show. Convention Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$110-8' tables, \$120-wall tables, \$350-10x10 booth. Crossroads of the West Gun Shows, PO Box 290, Kaysville, UT, 84037. PH: 801-544-9125 or www.crossroadsgunshows.com.

Jul 25-26 OH, Sharonville. Gun & Knife Show. Conv. Ctr., I-75, Exit 15, Sharon Rd., N. of Cincinnati. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$60., PO Box 5, Mt. Washington, KY, 40047. PH: 502-538-3900 or www.gunshow.net.

Jul 25-26 OK, Tulsa. Gun & Knife Show. Fairgrounds, Exchange Ctr., 4145 E. 21 St. T: 1000. F: \$56. in advance, \$66. day of show. Gun Shows Of The Southwest, PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or rkshows@yousq.net or www.rkshows.com.

Jul 25-26 PA, Allentown. Gun Show. Econolodge, 1151 Bulldog Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm; Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$7. T: 250. F: \$55. Eagle Arms Productions, 9331 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA, 18031. PH: 610-393-3047 or info@eaglearms.com or www.eagleshows.com.

Jul 25-26 TN, Germantown. Gun & Knife Show. AgriCenter Int'l, 7777 Walnut Grove Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. T: 400. F: \$56. in advance, \$66. day of show. R.K. Shows Inc., PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-2233 or www.rkshows.com.

Jul 25-26 TX, Cisco. Gun & Knife Show. Myrtle Wilks Comm. Ctr., 1498 I-20 West. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 11am-4pm. A: \$3. Levi, PH: 254-442-4479.

Jul 25-26 TX, Conroe. Gun & Knife Show. Lone Star Conv. Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 300. F: \$80. High Caliber Gun Shows, PO Box 2616, Alvin, TX, 77512. PH: 281-489-1741 or info@texasgunshows.com or www.texasgunshows.com.

Jul 25-26 TX, Kingsland. Gun & Knife Show. Community Ctr., 3451 Rose Hill. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$40-50. Wild Weasel Productions, 238 Spring Rd., Fredericksburg, TX, 78624. PH: 210-827-6302 or wildweaselshows@yahoo.com or wildweaselproductions@outlook.com or www.wildweaselgunshows.com.

Jul 25-26 TX, Lewisville. Premier Gun Shows. Lewisville Event Center, 2460 S. Stemmons Fwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$8 cash only. F: \$70., PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX, 76162. PH: 817-732-1194 or info@premiergunshows.com or www.premiergunshows.com.

Jul 25-26 TX, San Antonio. Premier Gun Shows. Exposition Hall Freeman, 3201 E. Houston St. F: \$80. info@premiergunshows.com www.premiergunshows.com

Jul 26 WI, Manitowish Waters. 24th Annual Gun Show. Community Ctr., Hwy. 51 at the Airport. SH: 8am-4pm. A: \$4. F: \$15-6'. Bruce Bacon, PH: 715-476-0016 or brbacon@centurytel.net.

Jul 31-Aug 1 WI, Waukesha. Badger Military Collectibles Show. Expo Forum, 1000 Northview Rd. SH: Fri. 3pm-8pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$7. F: \$50. The Bob & Rocco Shows, 1111 W. Delavan Dr., Janesville, WI, 53546. PH: 608-752-6677 or www.bobandrocco.com.

Jul 31-Aug 2 MT, Missoula. Gun Show. Adams Ctr., U of M Fieldhouse. SP: Weapon Collectors Society of MT. T: 800. Brian Kjenismo, PH: 406-633-9333.

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Aug 1 WI, Crivitz. Gun & Knife Show. Village Hall, turn L at traffic light, St. Mary's Hall is next to Village Hall. SH: 8am-2pm. SP: Netzel-Zenz Post 413. A: \$4., \$1., under 12. F: \$10., W5496 Cty. X, Wausaukee, WI, 54177. PH: 715-854-2676.

Aug 1-2 AL, Mobile. Gun Show. Greater Gulf State Fairgrounds, 1035 Cody Rd. N. F: \$55. CASC, PO Box 241282, Montgomery, AL, 36124. Allen Daniels, PH: 334-546-0267 or Ryan Wells, PH: 334-322-8818 or cascishows@aol.com.

Aug 1-2 AZ, Payson. Gun Show. Tonto-Apache Gymnasium, 30 tontoj Apache Reservation. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2:30pm. A: \$6. T: 120. Firing Pin Enterprises, Inc., PO Box 1158, Pima, AZ, 85543. PH: 928-428-0437 or firingpin62@earthlink.net or www.firingpin.com.

Aug 1-2 CA, Ontario. Gun & Knife Show. Conv. Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$110-8' tables, \$120-wall tables, \$350-10x10 booth. Crossroads of

the West Gun Shows, PO Box 290, Kaysville, UT, 84037. PH: 801-544-9125 or www.crossroadgunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 FL, DeLand. Gun Show. Volusia City. Fairgrounds, SR 44, 5 mi. E. of I-4, Exit 118. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$5, under 12 free. F: \$60. Sport Show Specialists, PO Box 361543, Melbourne, FL, 32936. PH: 321-777-7455 or www.flgunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 GA, Cartersville. Gun & Knife Show. Clarence Brown Conference Ctr. Exit 290 off I-75, 5450 GA Hwy 20. T: 180. F: \$75 in advance, \$85 day of show. Gun Shows of the South Inc., PO Box 334, Manchester, IA, 52057. PH: 563-927-8176 or PH: 563-927-2233 or PH: 563-927-8310 or www.rkshows.com.

Aug 1-2 IN, Kokomo. Gun & Knife Show. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. F: \$35. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. Dan, PH: 765-993-8942 or PH: 765-855-3836 or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 LA, Gonzales. Gun & Knife Show. Lamar Dixon Expo Hall, 9039 Landry Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$75. Classic Arms Productions, PO Box 654, Mandeville, LA, 70470. PH: 985-624-8577 or info@capgunshows.com or www.capgunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 MI, Birch Run. Gun & Knife Show. Expo Ctr., Exit 136 off I-75. SH: Fri. 2pm-6pm, Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. F: \$45. Sport Shows Promos., PO Box 404, Mason, MI, 48854. PH: 517-676-4160 or sportshows@gmail.com or www.migunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 NV, Henderson. Western Trails Gun and Knife Shows. Henderson Conv. Center, 200 S. Water St.. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$10. PH: 702-222-1948 or PH: 702-985-1948 or www.westerntrailsgunandknifeshow.com.

Aug 1-2 NY, Old Forge. Gun Show & Adirondack Expo. Recreation Ctr., North St. off Rt. 28. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. NEACA Inc., PO Box 385, Mechanicville, NY, 12118. PH: 518-664-9743 or www.neaca.com.

Aug 1-2 NC, Raleigh. Gun & Knife Show. State Fairgrounds, Jim Graham Bldg. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$9. F: \$65. Dixie Gun & Knife Classic Inc, PO Box 425, Supply, NC, 28462. dixieguns@aol.com www.dixiegunandknifeshow.com

Aug 1-2 SC, Columbia. Gun Show. Jamil Shrine Temple, 206 Jamil Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: SC Arms Coll. Assoc. A: \$7. F: \$60. SCACA, PO Box 4308, Irmo, SC, 29063. PH: 803-463-9377 or sacadirector@aol.com or www.scaca.net.

Aug 1-2 TN, Nashville. Gun & Knife Show. Fairgrounds, I-65 & Wedgewood Ave. or I-440 & Nolensville Pike. Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$60., PO Box 5, Mt. Washington, KY, 40047. PH: 502-538-6900 or www.gunshow.net.

Aug 1-2 TX, Carthage. Gun Show. Civic Ctr., 1702 S. Adams. A: \$8. T: 200. F: \$45. for 1-4, \$40. ea for 5+, \$35. ea for 10+. G&S Promotions, PO Box 338, Wister, OK, 74966. PH: 918-659-2201 or www.gandsgunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town Blvd. A: \$8 cash only. info@premiergunshows.com www.premiergunshows.com

Aug 1-2 TX, Midland. Gun Show. Horseshoe Ctr., 2002 Cotton Flat Rd. (off I-20). SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$6, under 12 free. F: Sold out. Silver Spur Gun Shows, PO Box 208, Ralls, TX, 79357. PH: 806-253-1322 or www.silverspurgunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 TX, Pasadena. Gun & Knife Show. Conv. Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 300. F: \$80. High Caliber Gun Shows, PO Box 2616, Alvin, TX, 77512. PH: 281-489-1741 or info@texasgunshows.com or www.texasgunshows.com.

Aug 1-2 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf. NW Loop 410 & Marbach. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. SP: Saxet Gun Shows. F: \$70., PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX, 78465. PH: 361-289-2256 or www.saxetshows.com.

Aug 1-2 VA, Doswell. Gun Show. Farm Bureau Center, at Meadow Event Park. 13111 Dawn Blvd., Exit 98 E off I-95. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd. A: \$8. F: \$70., PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA, 23703. PH: 757-483-5385 or sgkltid@guns-knives.com or www.guns-knives.com.

Aug 7-9 MT, Livingston. Gun Show. Fairgrounds. Park County. SP: Weapons Collectors Society of MT. T: 180. Bryan Gillette, PH: 406-560-5458.

Aug 8-9 AR, Batesville. Gun Show. Independence Co. Fairgrounds, 55 White Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$6. T: 85. F: 1-4 \$45 ea., 5-4 \$40 ea. for 10+\$35 ea. G&S Promotions, PO Box 338, Wister, OK, 74966. PH: 918-659-2201 or www.gandsgunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 CO, Colorado Springs. Gun Show. Event Ctr., 3960 Palmer Park Blvd. SP: Prospectors Sertoma Gun Shows. A: \$8. T: 300. F: \$65-70. Prospectors Sertoma Gun Show, 2801 W. Colorado Ave., Colorado Springs, CO, 80904. PH: 719-630-3976.

Aug 8-9 FL, Melbourne. Gun Show. Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$5, under 12 free. F: \$80. Sport Show Specialists, PO Box 361543, Melbourne, FL, 32936. PH: 321-777-7455 or www.flgunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 FL, West Palm Beach. Gun Show. South Florida Fairgrounds, Southern Blvd. 7 mi. W. of I-95. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$10, under 12 free. F: \$80. Sport Show Specialists, PO Box 361543, Melbourne, FL, 32936. PH: 321-777-7455 or www.flgunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 IN, Alexandria. Gun & Knife Show. Madison City. Fairgrounds. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm. Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5., under 12 free w/adult. F: \$40. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. Dan, PH: 765-993-8942 or PH: 765-855-3836 or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 LA, Lafayette. Gun & Knife Show. Event Center, 4607 Johnston St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$75. Classic Arms Productions, PO Box 654, Mandeville, LA, 70470. PH: 985-624-8577 or info@capgunshows.com or www.capgunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 MI, Houghton Lake. Gun & Knife Show. Houghton Lake Expo, 3451 N. Houghton Lake Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. F: \$45. Sport Shows Promos., PO Box 404, Mason, MI, 48854. PH: 517-676-4160 or sportshows@gmail.com or www.migunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 MN, Anoka. Gun & Knife Show. Ice Arena, 4111 7th Ave. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5. Crocodile Prods. Inc., 12781 Able St. NE, Blaine, MN, 55434. PH: 763-754-7140 or crocodile1@comcast.net or www.crocodileproductionsinc.com.

Aug 8-9 MS, Jackson. Gun & Knife Show. MS Trade Mart Bldg., High St., Exit off I-55. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. F: \$80. Great Southern Gun & Knife Shows, PO Box 24416, Knoxville, TN, 37933. PH: 865-671-4757 or www.greatsouthern-gunshow.com.

Aug 8-9 OH, Vandalia. Gun & Knife Show. Airport Expo Center. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$60., PO Box 5, Mt. Washington, KY, 40047. PH: 502-538-3900 or www.gunshow.net.

Aug 8-9 SC, Greenville. Gun Show. TD Convention Center, One Exposition Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: SC Arms Coll. Assoc. A: \$8, Military \$6. South Carolina Arms Collectors Assoc., PO Box 4308, Irmo, SC, 29063. PH: 803-463-9377 or scacadirector@aol.com or www.scaca.net.

Aug 8-9 TX, Houston. Houston Gun collectors Assoc. Gun Show. NRG (Reliant) Center, 1 Reliant Park. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: Adults \$10,

children 12-17 \$5, under 12 free. F: \$80. Houston Gun Collectors Assoc., PO Box 741429, Houston, TX, 77274. PH: 713-981-6463 or office@hgca.org.

Aug 8-9 TX, Robstown. Gun Show. Fairgrounds, Richard M. Borchard Regional, 1213 Terry Shamsie Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$70. Saxet Gun Shows, PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX, 78465. Gus or Todd, PH: 361-289-2256 or www.saxetshows.com.

Aug 8-9 TX, Tyler. Gun & Knife Show. Harvey Hall, 2000 W. Front St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$7. T: 325. F: \$70. Lone Star Gun Shows, 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX, 75150. PH: 214-635-2009 or www.lonestargunshows.com.

Aug 8-9 TX, Wichita Falls. Gun & Knife Show. MPEC Exhibit Hall, 5th & Burnett. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. F: \$50. Texas Collectors Gun Show, Inc., PO Box 3611, Wichita Falls, TX, 76701. PH: 888-695-3766 or PH: 940-682-3766 or joetom@joetomwhite.com or www.joetomwhite.com.

Aug 8-9 VA, Fredericksburg. Gun Show. Expo Ctr., Exit 130B off I-95, into Central Park, 2371 Carl D Silver Pkwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd. A: \$10. F: \$70., PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA, 23703. PH: 757-483-5385 or www.guns-knives.com.

Aug 14-15 MO, Higginsville. Higginsville Lions Club Gun & Knife Show. American Legion Post 223, 1001 West 22nd St. SH: Fri. 1pm-8pm, Sat. 8am-5pm. A: \$7, children under 12 Free. F: \$35. PH: 660-641-5557 or johnmaxcampbell@gmail.com.

Aug 14-16 MT, Sidney. Gun Show. Richland County Event Center. SP: Weapon Collectors Society of MT. T: 160. Leann Pelvit, PH: 406-480-5594.

Aug 14-16 WY, Cheyenne. Gun Show. Fairgrounds, Archer. SH: Fri. 3pm-7pm. Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$6., 12 & under free. F: \$50. in adv 2 wks before the show, \$55. thereafter. Wyoming Sportsmans Gun Shows, 4389 N 3rd St., Laramie, WY, 82072. PH: 307-742-5943 or PH: 307-760-1841.

Aug 15-16 IL, New Berlin. Guns, Ammo & Related Items. Fairgrounds, 12 mi. W. of Springfield, IL, on I-72. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. SP: Central Illinois Gun Collectors Assoc. A: \$3. F: \$30., PO Box 462, Chatham, IL, 62629. PH: 217-416-0618.

Aug 15-16 IN, Lafayette. Gun & Knife Show. Tippecanoe 4H Fairgrounds, 1401 Teal Rd. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. Dan, PH: 765-993-8942 or PH: 765-855-3836 or acmegun@aol.com or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

Aug 15-16 LA, Kenner. Gun & Knife Show. Pontchartrain Ctr., New Orleans Area, Williams Blvd. Exit off I-10. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. F: \$85. Great Southern Gun & Knife Shows, PO Box 24416, Knoxville, TN, 37933. PH: 865-671-4757 or www.greatsouthern-gunshow.com.

Aug 15-16 NM, Albuquerque. Gun Show. Expo New Mexico, Lujan Bldg., 300 San Pedro NE. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$6, under 12 free. F: \$65. Silver Spur Gun Shows, PO Box 208, Ralls, TX, 79357.

PH: 806-253-1322 or www.silverspurtradeshows.com.

Aug 15-16 NC, Charlotte. Dixie Gun & Knife Show. Metrolina Expo Ctr., 7100 Statesville Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$8. Dixie Gun & Knife Classic, Inc., 3434 Edwards Mill Rd., Ste. 112-355, Raleigh, NC, 27612. PH: 919-781-1287 or dixiegun@aol.com or www.dixiegunandknifeshow.com.

Aug 15-16 OH, Sharonville. Gun & Knife Show. Conv. Ctr., I-75, Exit 15, Sharon Rd., N. of Cincinnati. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$60., PO Box 5, Mt. Washington, KY, 40047. PH: 502-538-3900 or www.gunshow.net.

Aug 15-16 TX, Abilene. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Ctr., 1100 N. 6th St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: TX Gun & Knife Assoc. F: \$50., 126 Cedar Knoll, Kerrville, TX, 78028. PH: 830-285-0575 or www.texasgunandknifeshows.com.

Aug 15-16 TX, Burnet. Gun Show. VFW Hall, 1402 Buchanan Dr. West. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$40. Wild Weasel Productions. PH: 210-827-6302 or wildweaselshows@yahoo.com or wildweaselproductions@outlook.com or www.wildweaselgunshows.com.

Aug 15-16 TX, Houston. Premier Gun Shows, LLC. George R Brown Convention Ctr. A: \$9. F: \$80. info@premier-gunshows.com www.premiergunshows.com

Aug 15-16 TX, Lewisville. Premier Gun Shows. Lewisville Event Center, 2460 S. Stemmons Fwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$8 cash only. F: \$70., PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX, 76162. PH: 817-732-1194 or info@premiergunshows.com or www.premier-gunshows.com.

Aug 15-16 TX, McAllen. Gun Show. Convention Center, 700 Convention Center Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. F: \$70. Saxet Gun Shows, PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX, 78465. Gus or Todd, PH: 361-289-2256 or www.saxetshows.com.

Aug 15-16 TX, Nacogdoches. Gun Show. Civic Ctr., 3805 NW Stallings Drive. A: \$8. T: 200. F: \$50 ea. for 1-4; \$45 ea. for 5+; \$40 ea for 10+. G&S Promotions, PO Box 338, Wister, OK, 74966. PH: 918-659-2201 or www.gandsgunshows.com.

Aug 21-22 PA, Carlisle. Gun Show. Carlisle Expo Center, Expo Ctr., 100 "K" St. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$7. T: 300. F: \$50. Eagle Arms Productions, 9331 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA, 18031. PH: 610-393-3047 or info@eaglearms.com or www.eagle-shoots.com.

Aug 21-23 MT, Anaconda. Gun Show. Elks Lodge. SP: Weapons Collectors Society of MT. Van Stallman, PH: 406-832-3238.

Aug 22-23 CA, Costa Mesa. Gun Show. Orange Cty. Fairgrounds, Fair & Event Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$110-8' tables, \$120-wall tables, \$350-10x10 booth. Crossroads of the West Gun Shows, PO Box 290, Kaysville, UT, 84037. PH: 801-544-9125 or www.crossroadsgunshows.com.

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Aug 22-23 IL, Belleville. Gun, Knife, Hunting & Trade Show. Belle-Clair Expo Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. ECA Inc., PO Box 138, Centralia, IL, 62801. PH: 618-495-2572 or eachuntingandtradeshows.com.

Aug 22-23 IN, Richmond. Gun & Knife Show. Wayne Cty. Fairgrounds. Kuhlman Ctr., 861 Salisbury Rd. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. PH: 765-855-3836 or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

Aug 22-23 ME, Augusta. Gun Show. Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$8. F: \$70. DiPrete Promotions Inc. Patricia DiPrete, PH: 603-225-3846 or dipromo@comcast.net or www.dipromo.com.

Aug 22-23 MI, Monroe. Gun & Knife Show. Cty. Fairgrounds, MBT Expo Ctr., 3775 S. Custer Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-3pm. F: \$45. Sport Shows Promos., PO Box 404, Mason, MI, 48854. PH: 517-676-4160 or sportshows@gmail.com or www.migunshows.com.

Aug 22-23 MS, Biloxi. Gun & Knife Show. Coast Col. & Conv. Ctr., 2350 Beach Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$75. Classic Arms Productions, PO Box 654, Mandeville, LA, 70470. PH: 985-624-8577 or info@capgunshows.com or www.capgunshows.com.

Aug 22-23 NY, Saratoga Springs. Firearms, Civil War, Militaria. Cty Ctr., 522 Broadway. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$8. NEACA Inc, PO Box 385, Mechanicville, NY, 12118. David, PH: 518-664-9743 or City Center, PH: 518-584-0027 or www.neaca.com.

Aug 22-23 OH, Dayton. Gun & Knife Show. Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd., I-75, Exit 58. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$60, PO Box 5, Mt. Washington, KY, 40047. PH: 502-538-6900 or www.gunshow.net.

Aug 22-23 OK, Shawnee. Gun Show. Expo Center, 1700 W. Independence. A: \$8. T: 200. F: \$45. ea for 1-4, \$40. ea for 5+, \$35. ea for 10+. G&S Promotions, PO Box 338, Wister, OK, 74966. PH: 918-659-2201 or www.gandsgunshows.com.

Aug 22-23 TX, Cedar Park. Premier Gun Shows. Cedar Park Center, 2100 Avenue of the Stars. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$80. info@premiergunshows.com or www.premiergunshows.com.

Aug 22-23 TX, Odessa. Permian Basin Gun Show. Coliseum Grounds, Ector Cty., Bldg. G, 42nd at Andrews Hwy. SH: 9am-5pm. F: \$50. 2229 Hanley, Odessa, TX, 79762. PH: 432-550-4835 or Shirley, PH: 432-413-7668 or John, PH: 432-638-0879.

Aug 22-23 TX, Pasadena. Premier Gun Shows. Convention Ctr., 7902 Fairmont Pkwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-5pm. A: \$8 cash only. F: \$70, PO Box 34224, Fort Worth, TX, 76162. PH: 817-732-1194 or info@premiergunshows.com or www.premiergunshows.com.

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Aug 28-29 PA, Lake Harmony. Split Rock Gun Show. Split Rock Resort, 100 Mosey Wood Dr., A: \$8. T: 700. F: \$55. Eagle Arms Productions, 9331 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA, 18031. PH: 610-393-3047 or info@eaglearms.com or www.eaglearms.com.

Aug 28-29 PA, Split Rock. Gun Show. Lodge. 1 Lake Dr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$55. Eagle Arms Productions, 9331 Hamilton Blvd., Breinigsville, PA, 18031. PH: 610-393-3047 or info@eaglearms.com or www.eaglearms.com.

Aug 28-30 IN, Indianapolis. Indy 1500 Gun & Knife Show. Indiana State Fairgrounds, 1202 E. 38th St. SH: Fri. 2pm-8pm, Sat. 8am-6pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$100. World Class Gun Shows, PO Box 14194, Oklahoma City, OK, 73113. PH: 405-340-1333 or www.indy1500.com.

Aug 28-30 WI, Ashland. Gun & Knife Show. Civic Ctr., 320-4th Ave. F: \$35. Ray Kangas Productions, 71590 Hoover Line Rd., Iron River, WI, 54847. PH: 715-372-4654 or Cell, PH: 715-292-8415 or PH: 866-583-9083 or raykaa@cheqnet.net.

Aug 29-30 AL, Bessemer. Gun & Knife Show. Bessemer Civic Ctr., 1130 9th Ave. SW. just off I-59, Exit 108. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: Collectors & Shooters Club LLC. T: 185. F: \$55. CASC, PO Box 241282, Montgomery, AL, 36124. Allen Daniels, PH: 334-546-0267 or Ryan Wells, PH: 334-322-8818 or cascishows@aol.com.

Aug 29-30 IN, Columbus. Gun & Knife Show. Barthomew County Fairgrounds, Community Bldg., 750 West 200 South. Kuhlman Ctr., 861 Salisbury Rd. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. PH: 765-855-3836 or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

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Aug 29-30 NV, Las Vegas. Gun & Knife Show. Cashman Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. F: \$110-8' tables, \$120-wall tables, \$350-10x10 booth. Crossroads of the West Gun Shows, PO Box 290, Kaysville, UT, 84037. PH: 801-544-9125 or www.crossroadsgunshows.com.

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Aug 29-30 TX, Belton. Gun & Knife Show. Bell Cty. Expo Ctr. 301 W. Loop 121. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$7. T: 200. F: \$60. Lone Star Gun Shows, 2405 Interstate 30 Ste B, Mesquite, TX, 75150. PH: 214-635-2009 or www.lonestargunshows.com.

Aug 29-30 TX, Ft. Worth. Premier Gun Shows, LLC. Amon Carter Exhibit Hall, Will Rogers Ctr., 3401 Burnett Tandy. A: \$9 cash only. F: \$80. info@premiergunshows.com.

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Aug 29-30 TX, Pasadena. Gun & Knife Show. Conv. Ctr. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$9. T: 300. F: \$80. High Caliber Gun Shows, PO Box 2616, Alvin, TX, 77512. PH: 281-489-1741 or info@texasgunshows.com or www.texasgunshows.com.

Aug 29-30 TX, Tyler. Gun Show. Harvey Conv. Ctr., 2000 W. Front St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. T: 300. F: \$55 for 1-4, \$50 ea for 5+, \$45 ea for 10+. G&S Promotions, PO Box 338, Wister, OK, 74966. PH: 918-659-2201 or www.gandsgunshows.com.

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Sep 5-6 FL, Melbourne. Gun Show. Auditorium, 625 E. Hibiscus Blvd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-4pm. A: \$5, under 12 free. F: \$80. Sport Show Specialists, PO Box 361543, Melbourne, FL, 32936. PH: 321-777-7455 or www.flgunshows.com.

Sep 5-6 IN, Crown Point. Gun & Knife Show. Lake Cty. Fairgrounds, 889 S. Court St. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. A: \$5, under 12 free w/adult. F: \$40. Central Indiana Gun Shows, PO Box 32, Centerville, IN, 47330. Dan, PH: 765-993-8942 or PH: 765-855-3836 or www.centralindianagunshows.com.

Sep 5-6 LA, Gonzales. Gun & Knife Show. Lamar Dixon Expo Hall, 9039 Landry Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. A: \$8. F: \$75. Classic Arms Productions, PO Box 654, Mandeville, LA, 70470. PH: 985-624-8577 or info@capgunshows.com or www.capgunshows.com.

Sep 5-6 MI, Harrison. Gun & Knife Show. Clare Cty. Fairgrounds, 418 Fairlane, Bus 127 N, W on Fairlane. SH: Sat. 9am-4pm, Sun. 9am-3pm. T: 275. F: \$40. Sport Shows Promotions, PO Box 404, Mason, MI, 48854. PH: 517-676-4160 or sportshows@gmail.com or www.migunshows.com.

Sep 5-6 NH, Concord. Gun Show. Everett Ice Arena, 15 Loudon Rd. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 9am-2pm. A: \$8. F: \$70. DiPrete Promotions Inc. Patricia DiPrete, PH: 603-225-3846 or dipromo@comcast.net or www.dipromo.com.

Sep 5-6 TX, Mesquite. Premier Gun Shows. Big Town Event Ctr., 2323 Big Town Blvd. A: \$8 cash only. info@premiergunshows.com or www.premiergunshows.com.

Sep 5-6 TX, San Antonio. Gun Show. Events Center, 8111 Meadow Leaf. NW Loop 410 & Marbach. SH: Sat. 9am-6pm, Sun. 9am-5pm. SP: Saxet Gun Shows. F: \$70, PO Box 5677, Corpus Christi, TX, 78465. PH: 361-289-2256 or www.saxetgunshows.com.

Sep 5-6 VA, Fredericksburg. Gun Show. Expo Ctr., Exit 130B off I-95, into Central Park, 2371 Carl D Silver Pkwy. SH: Sat. 9am-5pm, Sun. 10am-4pm. SP: Southeastern Guns & Knives, Ltd. A: \$10. F: \$70, PO Box 6601, Portsmouth, VA, 23703. PH: 757-483-5385 or www.guns-knives.com.

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Market Trends

New, used, collectible, plus ammunition and accessories—if it's selling and it's hot, we'll tell you about it here.

By BRIAN MCCOMBIE

New Lone Star Retailer Caters to Hunters

Adam Batot — South Texas Headquarters, Harlingen, Texas,
Store.southtexasheadquarters.com

Business is good at South Texas Headquarters, a combination brick-and-mortar retailer and on-line store that opened up less than six months ago, with a customer base very focused on hunting. For firearms, those hunters are buying AR-style rifles, especially Smith & Wesson M&P models in .223 Rem and, for bolt-actions, the Remington Model 700 is tops. In demand calibers for this bolt-action are .308 Win, .30-06 Sprg, and .300 Win. Mag.

"Local deer hunters often use ARs chambered in .223," said co-owner Adam Batot. "But I'd guess it's hog hunters who use the ARs the most. And we have a ton of hogs locally. A ton!"

Batot noted that while a good many hunters have been asking about various rifles chambered in .300 Blackout, there have been relatively few sales. Batot thinks these hunters are in the "research" phase on this round and platform; he expects some strong sales as the fall hunting season approaches.

South Texas HQ has also sold a decent number of ARs chambered in .22LR because—unlike so many stores around the country—it has large quantities of .22LR. Specifically, it's well stocked with Norma Tech .22LR, firing a 40-grain bullet. A 500-round brick sells for \$56.99 here, and dozens of these bricks are sold every day.

Vintage Long Guns Returning to the Hunting Fields

Jeff McIntyre — Nebraska Gun, Lincoln, Neb., Nebraskagun.com/

While Nebraska Gun offers a full selection of new long guns and handguns, owner Jeff McIntyre said his establishment caters to what he terms the "experienced hobbyist" interested in more vintage firearms, often with an eye to using these older guns afield.

"I sell quite a few rifles, like pre-1964 Winchester Model 70 Featherweights, where the buyer tells me he thinks the rifle deserves a little time out in the field on a hunt," said McIntyre. "They may not use the rifle for the entire deer season, for example. But they think it would be a neat experience to take a deer with

the rifle."

A recent Featherweight in .30-06, for example, sold here for \$780.

Similarly, McIntyre recently sold a Belgian Browning A5 Magnum in 12 gauge to a man whose whole goal in buying the shotgun was to use it on Nebraska upland game.

McIntyre has seen a shift in interest in World War II firearms. M1s are still quite popular. But whereas German firearms from the war were in strong demand, the collectors he sees today are more interested in Japanese and even Italian military weapons of the period.

Tighter Supplies of M1 Garands Means Higher Prices—And More Fakes!

Scott Weber — The GunRunner
Online Auction, Cody, Wyo.,
Gunrunnerauctions.com

With a dwindling supply of M1 rifles of all models, the market for this iconic American battle rifle is heating up fast at GunRunner Online Auctions.

"Some of the hottest items this year for Gunrunner Auctions are U.S. M1 Carbine Paratroopers," said GunRunner owner Scott Weber. "We obtained a splendid specimen—99 percent original finish—from an estate. It sat in a closet for 70 years! This beauty brought \$4,000 with paperwork."

Good M1's with clean bores and matched wood go for over \$1,000. An all-original World War II M1 Garand with a nice 1940s bore and excellent condition can bring over \$2,000.

Generally, Weber noted, older collectors are buying up the M1s. Though lately, he added, a surprising number of younger buyers have entered the market, especially for lower-grade M1s.

"I think they want what their grandfathers fought with in the Big One or they are seeing the M1s on the Big Screen and want one to hang over the mantel."

But collectors, he warned, need to be careful as M1s are also "one of the most faked of all World War II collectibles," Weber said. "Reproduction stocks, false stamps, fake rivets and it's impossible to determine one by serial number alone." Do your research, lean on expert advice and use an experienced auction house, Weber advised.

Handgun Sales, Availability, and Laws: A Tale of Two States

*Kris Jacob — Bullseye USA, Inc.,
Stores in Calif., and Nevada,
Bullseyeusa.com*

With two stores located in California (Castro Valley and Marin), plus a store in Gardnerville, Nevada, Bullseye USA is in a unique position to compare and contrast the buying habits of gun owners in those two states—and the differences are dramatic, especially when it comes to handguns.

In gun-unfriendly California, citizens can only buy handguns on the state's "approved" list. Since California implemented a requirement that all new handguns come with micro-stamping technology—and since no gun makers offer that—the approved list keeps getting smaller. Older models that are revamped by manufacturers are now "new" handguns and are bounced from the list. Completely new handguns? Also not on the list.

"I'd guess the California approved list of handguns shrinks about 50 percent every year," said Bullseye owner Kris Jacobs. "Seems like it gets smaller daily sometimes."

Among those handguns Cali buyers can and do purchase in quantity from Bullseye are the all the Glock Gen III offerings, Smith & Wesson M&P's and a number of Sig Sauer stalwarts.

In gun-friendly Nevada, with no approved list, buyers are snapping up the new Glock 43, the newer 9mm and .40 S&W offerings in Springfield XD line, Sig Sauer 1911 models, and any of the new, small Kimbers for concealed carry.

California or Nevada, one thing is the same: extremely strong demand for ammunition continues.

"We cannot keep the stuff in stock, especially 9mm handgun and .223 rifle ammo, even with deliveries every two to three weeks," said Jacob. "Anytime our distributors have ammo, even if it's not exactly what we want? We place an order."



Glock G43

A Waiting List for The New Glock 43

*Mike Palenske — Dam Road Gun Shop, Delevan, Wisc.,
Damroadgunshop.net/Home_Page.html*

In business for a half century now, the Dam Road Gun Shop has a wide and varied client base, from hunters and target shooters, to a growing cadre of concealed carry permit holders. Shooters in that later group, said store owner Mike Palenske, are buying up Ruger LCRs, especially those in .38 Spl. and .22Mag.

The new single-stack Glock 43, in 9mm, is moving briskly, too, at \$495. "As soon as they come in they are sold," said Palenske. "We have a waiting list of at least 15 people who want one, so when the pistols comes in, we make some phone calls—Glock's are gone!"

Dam Road sees a good deal of interest in tactical bolt actions chambered in .308 Win., including various heavy-barreled

models in the Remington 700 line. Another good selling bolt action here is the CZ 527 chambered in 7.62x39mm. The rifle comes with a good quality walnut stock and a scope, for \$695.

"The ammo for that rifle is still fairly inexpensive, and there's a lot of it around, making that rifle an even better value for our customers," said Polanski.

As the many financial problems of Colt Manufacturing have begun circulating in the gun world, Palenske said the prices of Colt 1911 pistols have surged, in some cases doubling. Recently, Polanski sold two of Colt's commemorative Marine Corps Bi-Centennial 1911s for \$1,995 each, and thinks he could sell many more if he could get them in store. **GDTM**

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